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US OPEN 2023: GAUFF OVERPOWERS SABALENKA, CROWNED CHAMPION

Coco Gauff fights back after losing the first set to defeat Aryna Sabalenka in the summit clash to win her first Grand Slam title...

TEENAGER SHOWS RESOLVE ON BIG STAGE

Gauff produced a gutsy performance against Sabalenka on the Arthur Ashe Stadium court to win 2-6, 6-3, 6-2 to complete a fairytale transformation in her season's fortunes. Both players made a slew of mistakes throughout the final that was watched by a star-studded record crowd of 28,143. However, it was Gauff who held her nerve when it mattered to seal a deserved victory

YOUNGEST AMERICAN TO WIN IN 21ST CENTURY

- 19-year-old Gauff is the first American teenager to capture a Grand Slam singles title this century. Serena Williams was just 17 when she won her first Grand Slam title — 1999 US Open | **P11**
- Gauff's name is etched into history with other Black American women to win the title like the Williams sisters, Althea Gibson & Sloane Stephens

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GAUFF WILL TAKE HOME $3 MILLION AS PRIZE MONEY, SAME AS THE MEN'S WINNER

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India makes renewed push for UN reforms as G20 meet ends

World leaders hail India's leadership for ensuring tangible outcomes at the summit

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, US President Joe Biden and other G20 leaders arrive at the Samadhi of Mahatma Gandhi at Rajghat in New Delhi on Sunday | PTI

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

AS the two-day G20 summit drew to a closure on Sunday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi made a renewed push for expansion of the UN Security Council to reflect the new realities. Modi also proposed a virtual session of the G20 around the end of November to take stock of the suggestions and decisions made by the leaders at the summit, which saw several world leaders lauding India's presidency for ensuring several tangible outcomes.

The world has changed a lot since the time the UN was established. The number of countries included in the UN has jumped from 51 founding members to around 200. "Despite this, the permanent members in UNSC are still the same. From then till today the world has changed a lot in every respect. Be it transport, communication, health, education, every sector has been transformed. These new realities should be reflected in our new global structure," Modi said.

Pitching for reforms, Modi said this is why a historic initiative was made on Saturday by granting the 55-nation African Union permanent membership of the G20.

India's G20 presidency will end in November and Brazil will take over on December 1. On Sunday, PM Modi handed over the customary gavel of the G20 chair to Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva. "We have unwavering faith that they (Brazil) will lead with dedication, vision and will further global unity as well as prosperity. India assures all possible cooperation to Brazil during their upcoming G20 Presidency," Modi said.

PM Modi hands over the customary gavel of G20 presidency to the President of Brazil, Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva | PTI

The two days of the summit witnessed extensive discussions on 'one earth, one family'. "We are currently discussing a future where we transcend the concept of Global Village and witness the Global Family becoming a reality. It's a future where not only the interests of countries are intertwined, but also where hearts are interconnected," said PM Modi.

World leaders hailed India's G20 leadership, with US President Joe Biden saying the summit proved the grouping can still drive solutions to pressing issues. Russian foreign minister Sergey Lavrov termed it a 'breakthrough' conclave. **P7**

New Delhi, Paris join hands to manufacture advanced defence tech

YESHI SELI @ New Delhi

INDIA and France on Sunday decided to strengthen the defence cooperation between the two countries through partnerships in design, development, testing and manufacture of advanced defence technologies and platforms, and expanding production in India.

The decisions were arrived during bilateral talks between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and French President Emmanuel Macron on Sunday on the sidelines of the G20 summit.

"I had a productive meeting with President Macron. We discussed a series of topics and look forward to ensuring India-France relations scale new heights of progress," said Modi, who had nine bilateral meetings on Sunday, bringing the total of all meetings to 15 from September 8.

The other bilateral meetings Modi had were with Canada, Germany, South Korea, Turkiye, Comoros and South Korea. India and Saudi Arabia will have a bilateral meeting on Monday.

PM Modi's meeting with Canadian PM Justin Trudeau entailed discussions of a full range of India-Canada ties through various sectors.

Modi raised concerns about the continuing anti-India activities of extremist elements in Canada. The extremists are promoting secessionism and inciting violence against Indian diplomats, damaging diplomatic premises, and threatening the Indian community in Canada and their places of worship. Trudeau said while Canada believes in freedom of expression and peaceful protests, it doesn't condone violence.

During his talks with German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, PM Modi spoke about enhancing trade, and continuous collaboration on clean energy.

PM Modi also met with the chairperson of the African Union Azali Assoumani.

Turkish President Recep Tayyip Erdogan hailed India's G20 Presidency and complimented PM Modi for Delhi Declaration.

PM Modi with French President Emmanuel Macron during a lunch meeting on the sidelines of G20 Summit on Sunday | PTI

Morocco earthquake toll goes past 2,000

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE

AN aftershock rattled Moroccans on Sunday as they toiled to rescue survivors of the strongest earthquake in more than a century. This disaster killed more than 2,000 persons, a number that is expected to rise, according to a report in the Associated Press.

The United Nations estimates that 300,000 people were affected by Friday night's magnitude 6.8 quake. As many as 2,059 have been injured, of which 1,404 are in critical condition.

Survivors slept in the open, while neighbours were still searching for people trapped under the debris. The old city of Marrakesh suffered extensive damage.

Tourism slump

Tourism is the lifeblood of the North African country's economy and Marrakesh is its main attraction. The earthquake has spurred fears of a repeat of the tourism slump suffered during the Covid pandemic

Villagers inspect the rubble of collapsed houses in Tafeghaghte, 60 km southwest of Marrakesh | AFP

Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed grief at the loss of lives and said India is ready to offer all possible assitance to Morocco in this difficult time.

Canadian-Moroccon Bollywood actor Nora Fatehi thanked Modi for his assistance.

Although many countries have come forward to offer assistance, including first responders and search dogs, Morocco is yet to officially accept them. The King thanked nations that offered help without saying if they will be accepted. The King has declared three days of mourning and has asked donations from citizens and local businesses.

The IMF and the World Bank were slated to hold their next annual meetings in Marrakesh, though it's unclear if plans will now change given the devastation to the area. **P9**

Gowda confirms he met PM, Shah

He (Sddaramaiah) is not competent to question me. A few are talking about the ethics of the new alliance. There is no secret about who I met in Delhi

HD Deve Gowda, JDS patriarch and former PM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

FORMER prime minister HD Deve Gowda here on Sunday confirmed his meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah to forge an alliance between JDS and BJP for the 2024 Lok Sabha elections. Defending the move, Gowda said it was inevitable to save the regional party and to ensure a better future for the state.

For years, JDS had maintained a distance from the saffron party to protect its secular credentials.

Making the announcement at the JDS rally at Palace Grounds, the 91-year-old party patriarch said his son and former chief minister HD Kumaraswamy will further discuss seat-sharing arrangements with the BJP top brass.

"For some days, there was talk (in political circles) about me calling on the PM and Shah. Yes, it is true that I met them and explained the situation in the state and our party's strengths," Gowda said. **P4**

BSY: NO TALKS ON ALLIANCE YET

Bengaluru: Former CM BS Yediyurappa, who on Friday confirmed that the BJP and JDS alliance deal was sealed as JDS patriarch HD Deve Gowda met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, on Sunday said that no talks were held on the alliance as the PM was busy. "Modi was busy with other things. Maybe talks will be held tomorrow or the day after. There has been no discussion so far," he said. **P4**

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Police thrash girl in M'luru, KSCPCR chief seeks report

VINCENT D'SOUZA @ Mangaluru

KARNATAKA State Commission for Protection of Child Rights (KSCPCR) Chairperson K Naganna Gowda has taken strong objection to policemen thrashing and handcuffing a girl inside the Mangaluru East police station.

As a video of the incident went viral, he sought separate reports from the Mangaluru city police and excise department.

On Saturday, mediapersons alerted Police Commissioner Anupam Agarwal about the viral video. He later released a statement that excise officials picked up the girl from Ganesh Medicals at Pumpwell around 6.50 am on September 1 after she exhibited unnatural and aggressive behaviour.

On suspicion that she might have consumed drugs, they were taking her to hospital for tests. But since she behaved aggressively in the vehicle, excise officials took her to the Mangaluru East police station seeking assistance. **P5**

SPACEFLIGHT

Satellite built by all-woman team set to begin sojourn

SOVI VIDYADHARAN @ T'Puram

WESAT (Women Engineered Satellite), designed and built exclusively by an all-woman team, is inching closer towards its space sojourn. Once it fulfils the parameters set by the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), the satellite is expected to get a launch slot through the PSLV Orbital Experimental Module platform sometime in November.

Built by the Space Club members of LBS Institute of Technology for Women in Thiruvananthapuram, the satellite will measure the extent of ultraviolet radiation in space and on the earth's surface. The institution had signed an MoU with IN-SPACe under the Department of Space. ISRO's lead centre Vikram Sarabhai Space Centre is providing guidance for the project.

IN-SPACe is responsible for promoting, enabling, authorising and supervising space activities of non-governmental entities, including building launch vehicles and satellites.

The idea of designing and building the satellite was floated by the institution around three years ago.

A team of 30 students were drawn from various engineering disciplines. At present, the satellite is entering the fabrication stage. Last year, ISRO launched AzaadiSAT built by 750 girls across the country.

Get, set, fly

The plan is to place the satellite in a 600 km orbit. The Space Club spent close to ₹10 lakh in designing and building the satellite. Fabrication will cost them additional expenditure

EXPRESS READ

Bandh on, cabs, autos off road

Bengaluru: More than 7 lakh private buses, cabs and autos as well as private school buses and vans will remain off the road on Monday. Many schools have declared a holiday on Monday as thousands of students will find it difficult to commute | **P2**

Indians share Pak experience

Colombo: Although Indian cricket team did not travel to Pakistan for the ongoing Asia Cup, a few Indian nationals who were a part of support staff with other teams did during the Group stage and Super 4 games. **Firoz Mirza** writes about their experience during the time they spent in Pakistan | **P11**

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Monday: 11/09/2023 • Year: Shobhakruta • Ayana: Dakshinayana
Ritu: Varsha • Masa: Nija Shravana • Paksha: Krishna • Tithi: Dwadasi 11.46 pm
Nakshatra: Pushya 9.14 pm • Moon in Simha Rashi • Rahukaala: 07:30 am to 09:00 am
Gulikakala: 01:30 pm to 03:00 pm • Yamaganda: 10:30 am to 12:00 pm

WEATHER
MIN 21°C | MAX 29°C
FORECAST
Passing showers. Overcast.

Sunrise 6.08 am
Sunset 6.24 pm
Moonrise 3.01 am
Moonset 4.12 pm

B'luru Bandh: Cabs, autos, pvt buses to stay off road

Move to affect a large number of students, office-goers, workers

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@Bengaluru

ALL those who depend on private buses, cabs and autos for their commute on Monday will be affected as more than 7 lakh vehicles will remain off the road. As the private school and van operators have also extended their support to the bandh, many schools have declared a holiday on Monday.

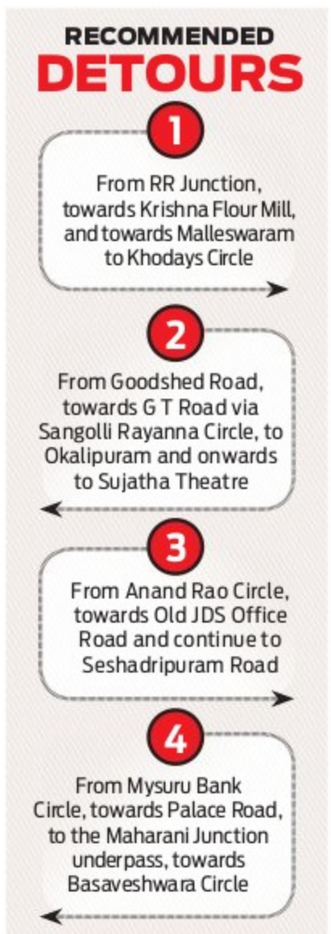
With the support of 36 private transport unions, the Federation of Karnataka State Private Transport Associations have called for Bengaluru bandh from Sunday midnight to Monday midnight demanding the state government to fulfil their various demands - including compensation for the loss of revenue because of the roll-out of the Shakti scheme, providing tax exemption to private bus operators, regulating private app-based ride-hailing aggregators Ola and Uber, banning Rapido bike taxis and others.

Nominated president of the federation Nataraj Sharma told TNIE "The private transport sector in Karnataka is under distress and has been severely hit after the rollout of the Shakti scheme. We have lost over 40 per cent of the revenue to the scheme. Private vehicles will remain off road from Sunday midnight till Monday midnight."

Government should fulfil our demands and we not rest till then, Sharma said. He said that if the government do not budge then they will have to call for a state-wide bandh and take up other measures.

On Monday, the federation has planned for a mega rally starting from Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna railway station to Freedom Park, where they will sit in a day-long protest.

Members of the federation are confident that the bandh will be successful as this time the drivers have campaigned among their community not to take their vehicles out.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DETOURS
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From RR Junction, towards Krishna Flour Mill, and towards Malleswaram to Khodays Circle
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From Goodshed Road, towards G T Road via Sangolli Rayanna Circle, to Okalipuram and onwards to Sujatha Theatre
3
From Anand Rao Circle, towards Old JDS Office Road and continue to Seshadripuram Road
4
From Mysuru Bank Circle, towards Palace Road, to the Maharani Junction underpass, towards Basaveshwara Circle
AVOID THE FOLLOWING ROUTES
KG Road
Sheshadri Road
GT Road
Roads near Freedom Park & Majestic Bus Stand

'Federation is going ahead with bandh'

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TRANSPORT Minister Ramalinga Reddy addressed the media on Sunday night and said that the measures are taken up by adding an additional 500 buses to areas that have more offices, educational institutions and factories. He added that out of 28 demands of the federation, measures are taken to fulfil the majority of them and accused the federation of going ahead with the bandh even after repeated requests. Except for the demands that have financial implications like compensation for loss incurred because of Shakti scheme, waiving off road tax etc, which only Chief Minister Siddarmaiah can take a call, we have taken measures to address majority of the demands, he explained. Questioned about the people who will suffer, Reddy said that adequate measures have been taken so that people will not be put to any inconvenience. "Managing Directors of BMTC, KSRTC and other top officials will be monitoring the traffic demand and deploy additional buses immediately." Police security is beefed up and action will be taken against those who force drivers to take part in the bandh, he added.

Plan travel accordingly: BIAL

Bangalore International Airport Limited on Sunday asked the passengers to plan their travel according, in the wake of the Bengaluru bandh. In a social media post on X, BIAL said "Due to the one day Bengaluru bandh protest on Sep 11, all modes of public transport will be impacted. Passengers are advised to plan their travel to and from airport."

TG Halli to be ready for Yettinahole water in October, but pipeline is not

S LALITHA @ Bengaluru

THE long-planned move to augment Bengaluru's daily drinking water supply by 110 Million Litres Per Day (MLD) from Yettinahole, a tributary of the Netravati river in Sakleshpur taluk, will not happen any time soon. Though the refurbished Tippagondanahalli (TG Halli) reservoir on Magadi Road will be completed by Bangalore Water Supply and Sewerage Board (BWSSB) only next month, the pipeline laying work to supply water has not been completed due to land acquisition issues, said multiple official sources.

The reservoir, located 29km from the city, was completely refurbished at a cost of Rs 291.57 crore, with a new water treatment plant and sewage treatment plant. With its storage capacity of 74feet, it used to be Bengaluru's water lifeline for decades after it was built by Sir M Visvesvaraya in 1933. However, it was shut in December 2012, when chemicals made it unfit for consumption.

An aerial view of Thippagondanahalli reservoir on Magadi Road | EXPRESS

The Yettinahole project will supply this reservoir with 1.7 Trillion Million Cubic (TMC) feet of water. Parts of Yelahanka, Dasarahalli, Raja Rajeshwari Nagar and Yeshwanthpur in Bengaluru are set to receive additional water when it is commissioned. Chikkaballapur, Kolar, Hassan, Ramanagara, Chitradurga and Tumakuru are other areas which will benefit from it.

A top BWSSB official working on the 'Revival/Refurbishment of Tippagondanahalli Water Supply Scheme' told TNIE, "We can safely say that by October-end, we will be ready for commissioning from our end. Some equipment needs to be installed – filter bed, compressor, static mixer and ozonisation system. The filter bed has just been completed. We have also applied for power supply from Bescom and KPTCL which we hope to get by the end of this month."

The revised deadline for the project BWSSB commenced in 2019 was March 2023. "The reservoir will be ready but it cannot be utilised unless we receive water. A portion of the pipeline is stuck with no work done," he added.

A senior official of Yettinahole project confirmed it to TNIE. "Water will flow mostly by the gravity feeder channel for 261.69km. The pipeline to supply water to TG Halli needs to be laid only for a length of 42km. They are massive 2-metre diameter pipelines. Of this, 10km of pipeline laying work passing through 11 villages is pending as farmers in Tumakuru and Ramanagara had issues giving their land to lay the pipeline. The compensation award was passed recently and we hope to get the land in a fortnight," he said.

Laying such mammoth pipelines is a tedious job, he explained. "The gradient needs to be assessed. We could take a minimum of six months and it could stretch even up to one year to be completed. Water can be supplied to Bengaluru only when it is ready," he added.

MOM SUNAK IN TOWN

Infosys Foundation Chairperson Sudha Murty and UK Prime Minister Rishi Sunak's mother Usha Sunak at the residence of BJP MLA Uday Garudachar in Bengaluru on Saturday | EXPRESS

Last date to block CET seat extended by 2 days

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

The Karnataka Education Authority (KEA) has extended the dates for selection of colleges, payment of fees and reporting to colleges for those who have secured seats in the second round seat allotment through Common Entrance Test (CET). This comes as a relief for students and parents who were in a fix with the tight deadline.

Addressing students' problems, the KEA, late on Saturday evening announced the two-day extension, for candidates who have secured seats in the second round seat allotment for Engineering, Architecture, Agriculture, Veterinary, Pharmacy, BSc (Nursing) and more.

KEA said on late Saturday evening that the exercise of choices by candidates is extended up to September 11, 11:59 pm, where the student have to choose between the four options they are given. Further, the payment of fees only by Choice-1 or Choice-2 candidates has been extended till September 13 until banking hours.

Ramya S, Director, KEA in the release said, "Choice-1 candidates can download their admission orders up till September 13, and report to the colleges by September 14, 5:30 pm."

Earlier, KEA after collecting the challans on September 8, Friday, had set a tight deadline of September 11 for students to pay the fees and complete the process, which had parents worried, since Saturday and Sunday were bank holidays, and Monday was the deadline for all processes.

"Safe space to confide can save young lives"

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"When someone confides that they're on the brink of giving up, that's precisely when they require the support of their loved ones," said Ranjini E. Jois, a psychotherapist. She spoke during a discussion aimed at ending mistreating students at educational institutions, here in Bengaluru on Sunday. The discussion was organsied by 'Save Our Student' to address the rising concern of youth suicides, as part of World Suicide Prevention Day.

"Life is difficult but living and exploring it is better. Everything around us can be fixed. Mistakes can be rectified, but there must always be someone who identifies the mistakes while consistently offering support," she said and added that people across all age groups are experiencing persistent loneliness due to increased internet addiction. "People are turning to petting animals to compensate the missing comfort of human companionship."

Dr. Ushy Mohandas, a counsellor and former teacher, said that teachers play a pivotal role in molding children's perspectives. Student often reaches out to a teacher believing they will help, so they must be sensitive to a student's needs. "We sometimes lose lives because someone failed to consider the impact of their words." She added that parents must avoid projecting their unfulfilled aspirations onto the children.

BMTC adds 4,000 trips to help public

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In the wake of the Fredration of Karnataka Private Transport Association calling for a bandh on Monday, the Bengaluru Metropolitan Transport Corporation (BMTC) will be operating additional buses. The bus corporation will be operating 4,000 additional trips from Kempegowda bus stand, K R Market, Shivajinagar to areas like Kadugodi, Sarjapura, Attibele, Anekal and other areas.

They also announced that 100 additional buses WILL operate to Kempegowda International Airport. "BMTC is operating 5,601 buses with a total of 57,450 trips daily. As various private cab, auto and other private vehicle associations have called for a strike, BMTC will be operating additional buses to provide uninterrupted transport service for the public," said a press release.

BMTC will be operating 500 additional buses with over 4,000 trips from major bus stations such as Kempegowda Bus Stand, K.R.Market and Shivajinagar Bus Stands to Kadugodi, Sarjapur, Attibele, Anekal, Bannerghatta/Jigani, Harohalli, Bidadi, Tavarekere, Nelamangala, Hesaraghatta, Doddabalapur, Devanahalli, Bagalur, Channasandra, Hoskote and Outer Circle

BMTC maintained that the additional trips will be based on the demand and added that the bus staff and the Sarathi patrol force will be on rounds monitoring the demand.

EXPRESS READ

322 PG students graduate from Azim Premji Univeristy

Bengaluru : Azim Premji University on Sunday held its 11th convocation ceremony for 322 graduates of the postgraduate programmes --MA Education, MA Development, MA Public Policy and Governance and Master of Laws (Law and Development). Speaking at the convocation, Azim Premji, Founder said, "Our field institutions across 57 districts and over 300 block-level locations continue to contribute significantly to the government education system. Our focus now is to help address the severe learning loss school children had to suffer on account of the pandemic." He added that the foundation continues to work with many state governments across a spectrum of areas including curricular reforms, early childhood education, textbook development and teacher education.

Daily Starscope

PETER VIDAL

11th September : Uranus' continuing emotional condition takes us into a new long-term phase when original thinkers and artists will rise to the top of the pile and frivolous types will tend to lose out. However, this phase is going to take a few months to get going, so I wouldn't expect instant results.

ARIES (Mar 21 - Apr 20)
There may be a general feeling this week that it's too late. 'Too late for what?' you may ask. In your case, you just might have no time left to complete a favoured project at work, or to get a number of routine tasks satisfactorily completed. Actually, though, there's more time than you think!

TAURUS (Apr 21 - May 21)
Don't sit still today. The approaching lunar cycle is ideal for all adventurous, creative and expansive Taureans. Please don't pass up a golden opportunity by being a stick-in-the-mud. And, besides, if you miss out on this week's offers you'll kick yourself.

GEMINI (May 22 - June 21)
The tensions may be building up at home, but a threatened argument may not materialise, a little like a thunder storm which builds up and then fails to break. Deft footwork will aid your cause, and they'll even be times when you're able to disappear into the background.

CANCER (June 22 - July 23)
Concentrate on letting other people know what you think and how you feel. The entire emphasis of the moment is on communication, so many of you may be called away on a short journey. In that case, my sincere advice is to check, double-check and treble-check all essential details.

LEO (July 24 - Aug. 23)
Two important celestial factors, one Mars and the other Saturn, are responsible for making this a generally auspicious day. One word for the whole week, though, is to keep a close eye on financial comings and goings. Above all, be as utterly practical as you can.

VIRGO (Aug. 24 - Sept. 23)
You're in for a bit of a bumpy ride but Mercury, the planet which rules your mental processes, should now soften the blow or compensate for any disappointment caused by recent delays. You may, briefly, have to go over old ground, but the results of such persistence will be splendid.

LIBRA (Sept. 24 - Oct. 23)
Look very closely at an issue which may cause a little pain. You have nothing to fear because, over the next seven days, the planets are assuming a pattern which simultaneously favours both your inner, private world and your successful public demeanour.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24 - Nov. 22)
It's time to put your own ideas forward, regardless of what society says. Don't stand on ceremony, but do make your personal status the overriding factor. Professional and community-minded Scorpios will do best; those of you stuck at home may watch the world drifting by.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23 - Dec. 22)
Seen from one angle, the situation at work this week could not be more auspicious, yet there is a chance that you could let a marvellous opportunity slip from your grasp. Move, without delay, to a position where nobody can challenge you - and everyone supports you.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23 - Jan. 20)
There's no denying that it will take a great deal of effort to reach your goals, but then that's part of what being a Capricorn is all about. Yet if you stick to your principles, it will be so much easier. For one thing, you'll earn family members' respect.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 - Feb. 19)
It may be necessary to take swift action to rectify a blunder, possibly one with financial overtones, yet by the end of the week you will see that principles are so much more important than profit. Your major priority is to build up your support network, seeing to it that friends are on your side.

PISCES (Feb. 20 - Mar 20)
Always remember that people like you because you're you, and you really don't have to put on an act if you don't want to. Personal relationships should now be eased by the fact that partners seem to be listening to you for a change. And about time, too, you might think!

Solutions to Saturday's puzzle

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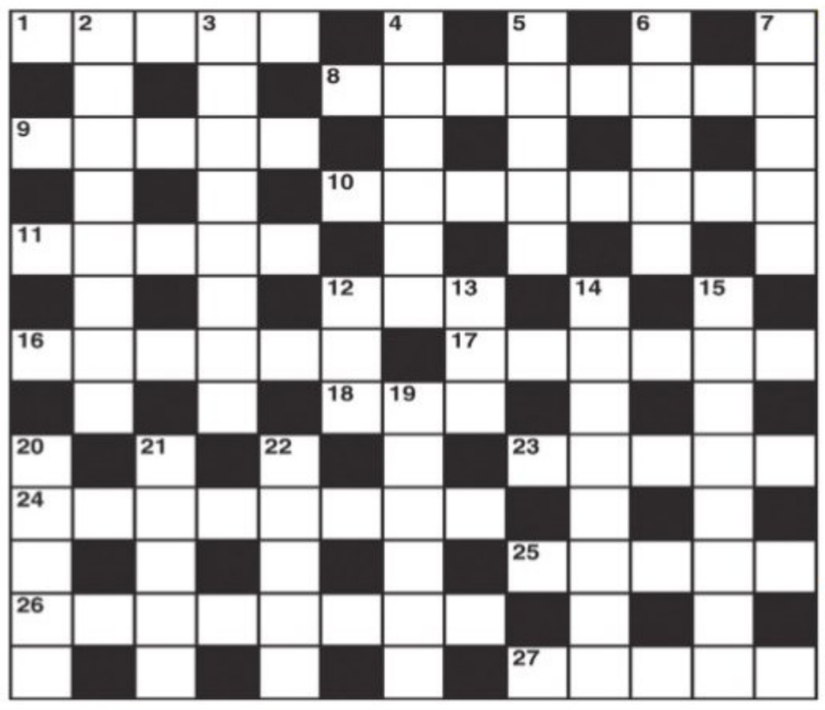
SUDOKU HARD

TEST YOUR NUMBER CRUNCHING SKILL WITH OUR UNIQUE PUZZLE

Fill in the grid with digits in such a manner that every row, every column and every 3X3 box accommodates the digits 1 to 9, without repeating any.



CROSS WORD

ACROSS
1 Unusually early bird (5)
8 Normal colours (8)
9 Return to her or someone else (5)
10 Innkeeper in the Loire perhaps (8)
11 It can turn into quite a lark (5)
12 Some Italian or Arabian name (3)
16 There's a change of name here (6)
17 A number finish with an alternative seller (6)
18 Shy company an MP drops out of (3)
23 The old soldiers of a Middle East Republic (5)
24 Confiscates one thousand sterling (8)
25 Determined to get the money back (3,2)
26 They're worn with one's arms inside (8)
27 Post a bet (5)

DOWN
2 Surprise in a host's demeanour (8)
3 Sense there's agreement among rowing men (8)
4 One way to loaf is to walk leisurely (6)
5 Attack aimed at badgers (5)
6 Boy of six embraced by his father (5)
7 Love to make a fuss about something (5)
12 It goes round in a circle (3)
13 A clinging female? (3)
14 It may be simple to engage one's attention (8)
15 Household chores for children to do (8)
19 Nuns take what superiors give (6)
20 Having overindulged fast (5)
21 Soft drink without fruit (5)
22 All the composer required (5)

SATURDAY'S SOLUTIONS

Across: 1 Grassroots, 6 Disc, 10 Ideal, 11 Stratagem, 12 Harangue, 13 Niece, 15 Endmost, 17 Slights, 19 Stretch, 21 Pageant, 22 Norma, 24 Cressets, 27 Bagatelle, 28 Credo, 29 Eats, 30 Tree doctor.

Down: 1 Grip, 2 Alexander, 3 Sol-fa, 4 On sight, 5 Targets, 7 Ingle, 8 Compensate, 9 Standing, 14 Personable, 16 Outcasts, 18 Heartbeat, 20 Heckler, 21 Precede, 23 Right, 25 Secco, 26 Tour.

JUMBLE — UNSCRAMBLE THESE JUMBLES, ONE LETTER TO EACH SQUARE, TO FORM FOUR ORDINARY WORDS.

BY DAVID L. HOYT AND JEFF KNUREK

SEHSC

RGWEA

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RACCES

They better not build on our playground.
Looks like they're almost done.
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LOOKING AT THE CONSTRUCTION SITE NEXT TO THE PLAYGROUND, THE KIDS COULD ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

(Answers tomorrow)

Saturday's Jumbles: FLIRT DAISY SKINNY MALLET
Answer: The corporal in charge of organizing and storing documents was part of the — RANK AND FILE

A 28-year-old cyclist died when a speeding car knocked him down in Electronics City traffic police station limits around 10.30 pm on Saturday. Nagaraju, a resident of Bettahalsoor, was a worker at a garment factory. The Electronics City Traffic police have detained the car owner

RPF returns passenger's luggage worth ₹4L on VB

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A PASSENGER of the Vande Bharat Express to Chennai, who had hopped off the train at Katpadi station, found to his distress the train chugging out of the platform before he could jump back in. His luggage contained electronic items worth Rs 4 lakh.

Rahul had alighted at Katpadi to buy snacks on Sunday morning.

A railway official and a Railway Protection Force cop took possession of Rahul's luggage and handed it over to him at KSR Bengaluru Station later.

According to an official release, a complaint was received on 'Railmadad' helpline from the passenger at 7.40am on Sunday, about his luggage left behind in the MGR Chennai Central–Mysuru Vande Bharat Express (Train no. 20607).

Travelling Ticket Examiner Jayakumar and Railway Protection Force sub-inspector Sathyanarayan were alerted about the incident. "They secured the luggage, and it was brought to the Bengaluru RPF post after the train reached KSR Bengaluru Station," the release said.

The bag was opened in the presence of the complainant and handed over to him later in the day.

A railway staffer hands over the luggage to Rahul at KSR Bengaluru Station on Sunday | EXPRESS

ADITYA-L1 COMPLETES 3RD MANOEUVRE

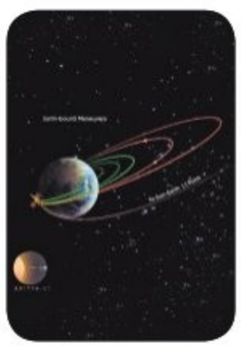
EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bengaluru

IN a successful milestone the Aditya-L1 spacecraft- India's maiden mission to the Sun - has completed its third earth-bound manoeuvre on Sunday at 2:30 am, informed Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO). The firing occurred from ISRO's Telemetry, Tracking and Command Network (ISTRAC) located in Bengaluru to raise the satellite's orbit. The new orbit achieved is 296 x 71,767 km.

Intended for the Sun's Lagrange Point 1, Aditya-L1 was tracked in Mauritius, Bengaluru and Port Blair during the entire operation.

"The second Earth-bound manoeuvre (EBN#3) is performed successfully from ISTRAC, Bengaluru. ISTRAC/ISRO's ground stations at Mauritius, Bengaluru and Port Blair tracked the satellite during this operation. The new orbit attained is 282 km x 40225 km," stated ISRO through a post on X on Sunday.

The next manoeuvre (EBN#4) is scheduled for September 15, 2023, around 2am, the post on X read. With this, the satellite will have one more crucial manoeuvre left before it is slingshot towards the L1 Point. Aditya-L1 will have a space journey of 125 days before it starts with its experiments from the halo through its seven homegrown payloads. Aditya-L1 was launched on September 2 through ISRO's PSLV-C57 from the second launch pad of Satish Dhawan Space Centre (SDSC), Sriharikota.



Being a key instrument onboard the Chandrayaan-2 orbiter, it (DFSAR) employs microwaves in 'L' and 'S' bands. The state-of-art instrument offers the best resolution polarimetric images currently on any planetary mission

– ISRO

Chandrayaan-2 orbiter still wide awake: ISRO

PURAN CHOUDHARY
@Bengaluru

NOT all of Chandrayaan missions are in hibernation. While the mission's Vikram lander and Pragyaan rover are asleep, Chandrayaan-2's orbiter (Pradhan), watches on as it continues to orbit around the moon.

The Pradhan orbiter has been going around the moon for the past four years since its launch on July 22, 2019, after the Chandrayaan-2 mission was partially successful, when the lander crashed on the moon's surface now called Tiranga Point.

Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO) had earlier said that Pradhan orbiter would help facilitate communication between Chandrayaan-3 and ISRO's earth-based stations to help scientists keep an eye on the well-being of Vikram lander and Pragyaan rover throughout their 14-day mission.

Scientists at ISRO told TNIE, "The orbiter is in good condition. All the data sent from the orbiter is being recorded at the Deep Space Network at Byalalu near Bengaluru."

In a recent update, the space agency also released pictures of Vikram recorded by the Chandrayaan-2's orbiter while it was asleep on the south pole of the moon. Before the touchdown, the orbiter and Vikram had established a link, helping send information to the ground stations.

"Here is an image of the Chandrayaan-3 Lander taken by the Dual-Frequency Synthetic Aperture Radar (DFSAR) instrument onboard the Chandrayaan-2 Orbiter on September 6, 2023," said ISRO in a statement.

The image shows a lit-up area on September 6 when the lander was put in sleep mode.

DFSAR can provide both the distance and physical characteristics of the target features without much light.

15k menstrual cups to be distributed

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THE health department is emphasising on promoting usage of menstrual cups as an alternative to sanitary napkins as it is more environment-friendly and economical.

Dr Veena V, deputy director of the Shuchi scheme, said the state initiated a study in July last year under which 300 I and II PUC girls in Dakshina Kannada and Chamarajanagar were provided with menstrual cups. Their responses were studied for six months with 272 of the students responding positively.

The positive response has led Health Minister Dinesh Gundu Rao to promote the usage of menstrual cups.

He will distribute 15,000 menstrual cups across Dakshina Kannada and Chamarajanagar on Monday under the 'Nanna Maithri' menstrual cup project which will run under the Shuchi scheme.

EXPRESS READ

Police to continue crackdown on pubs, bars, eateries

Bengaluru: In a crackdown on pubs, bars, and restaurants across the city, the police have exposed a concerning pattern of non-compliance with key regulations. It was found that the establishments have been operating beyond prescribed hours, not having designated smoking zones, and selling tobacco and alcohol to minors. On September 8, the city police conducted a series of raids on 701 establishments and reported 390 violations of the Cigarettes and Other Tobacco Products Act (COTPA). Also, 14 cases were registered for non-compliance with the act and 480 additional cases were recorded. As a deterrent, officials announced to continue with the crackdown on hotels, pubs, and other hospitality venues that violate the rules. **ENS**

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NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY
(Under Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules 2002)

E-Auction Notice for Sale of Immovable Assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 read with proviso to Rule 9(1) of the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the below Borrower and/ Co- Borrower, or their legal heirs/ representatives (Borrowers) in particular that the below described immovable property mortgaged to **Tata Capital Housing Finance Ltd. (TCHFL),** the Possession of which has been taken by the Authorised Officer of TCHFL, will be sold **on 29-09-2023** on "As is where is" & "As is what is" and "Whatever there is" and without any recourse basis". for recovery of outstanding dues from below mentioned Borrower and Co-Borrowers. The Reserve Price and the Earnest Money Deposit is mentioned below. Notice is hereby given that, in the absence of any postponement/ discontinuance of the sale, the said secured asset / property shall be sold by E- Auction at 2.00 P.M. on the said **29-09-2023**. The sealed envelope containing Demand Draft of EMD for participating in E- Auction shall be submitted to the Authorised Officer of the TCHFL on or before **27-09-2023** till 5.00 PM at Branch address TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LIMITED, No 82/1, Ground Floor, Krishna Towers, Richmond Road, Bengaluru- 560025.
The sale of the Secured Asset / Immovable Property will be on "as is where condition is" as per brief particulars described herein below:

Sr. No.	Loan Account No. & Branch	Name of Borrower(s) / Co-Borrower(s), Legal Heir(s) / Legal Representative / Guarantor(s)	Amount as per Demand Notice	Reserve Price	Earnest Money	Type of Possession
1)	TCHHL04930 00100072730 & TCHHF04930 00100072733	**Mr. Nagesh G (Borrower)** Decease Rept by Legal Heirs Mrs. Varalakshmi G **Mrs. Varalakshmi G**	**Rs. 11,54,498/-** (Rupees Eleven Lakh Fifty Four Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Eight Only) is due and payable by you under Agreement No. TCHHF0493000100072733 and an amount of **Rs. 37,23,598/-** (Rupees Thirty Seven Lakh Twenty Three Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Eight Only) is due and payable by you under Agreement No. TCHHL0493000100072730 totaling to **Rs. 48,78,096/-** (Rupees Forty Eight Lakh Seventy Eight Thousand Ninety Six Only) 21.11.2022	**Rs. 50,00,000/-** (Rupees Fifty Lakh Only)	**Rs. 5,00,000/-** (Rupees Five Lakh Only)	**Physical**

Description of the Immovable Property: **Schedule "A" Property-** All that piece and parcel of House bearing No. 99/9, then Bangalore Mahanagara Palike Katha No. 60, (Now Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagar Palike) Ward No. 84, New BBMP Ward No. 50, PID No. 84-166-60, (Earlier House List No. 115/5, Katha No. 74), measuring East to west on the Northern side 103 Feet, on Southern side 105 feet, North to South on the Eastern Side 48 Feet, on the Western Side 140 feet, totally measuring 9776 square Feet, situated at 3rd A Cross Road, Doctor's Layout, B, Channasandra Village, K R Puram Hobli Bangalore now within the limits of Bruhath Bangalore Mahanagar Palike and and **bounded as: East by-** 3rd A Cross, **West by-** Private Property, **North by-** Private Property, **South by-** 4th Cross Road.
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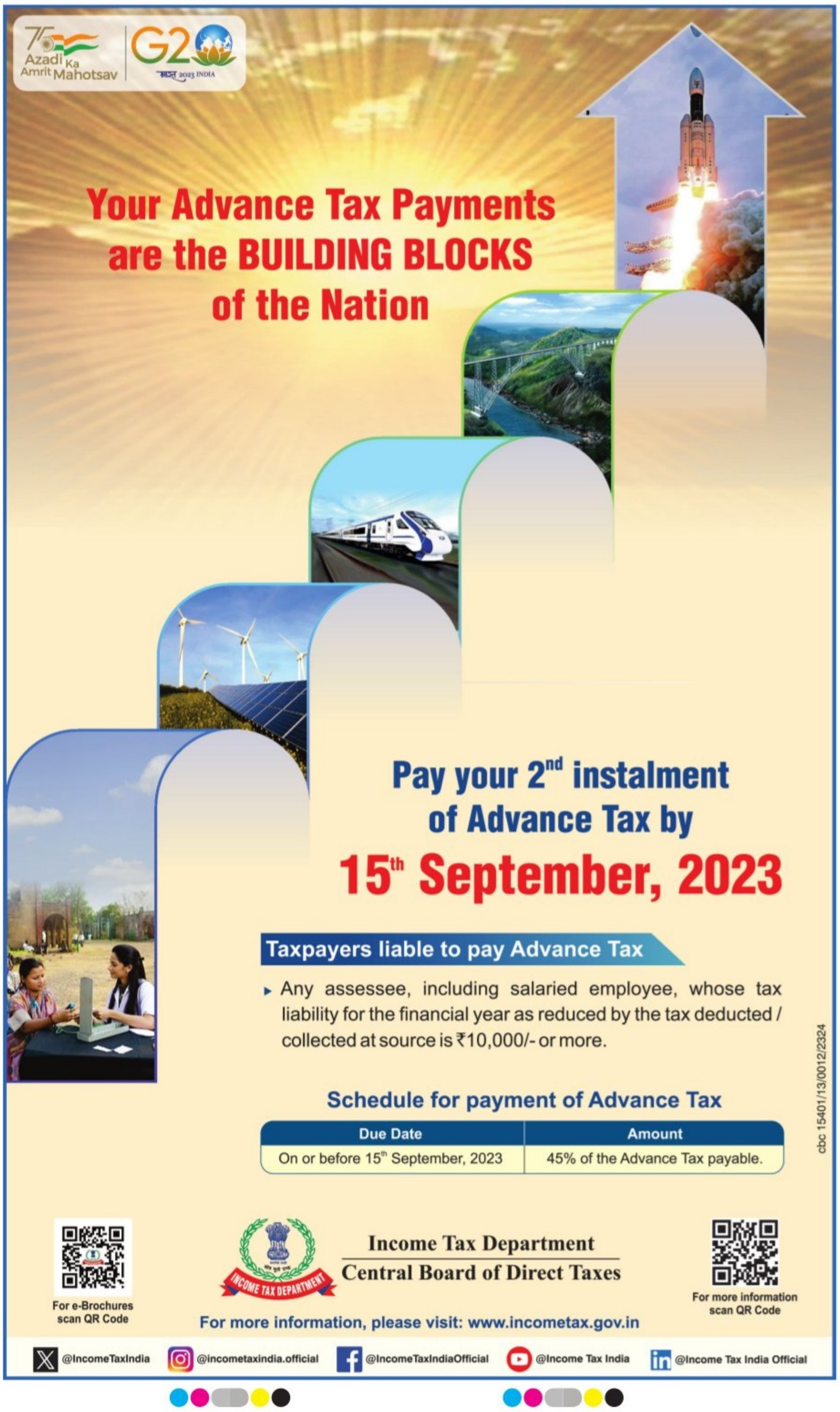
The sale shall be subject to the conditions prescribed in the Security Interest (Enforcement) Rules, 2002 and to the following further conditions:

NOTE: The E-auction will take place through portal http://bankauctions.in on 29-09-2023 between 02:00 PM to 03:00 PM with limited extension of 10 minutes each

Terms & Conditions: **(1)** The particulars specified in the Schedule herein below have been stated to the best of the information of the undersigned, but the undersigned shall not be answerable for any error, misstatement or omission in this proclamation. In the event of any dispute arising as to the amount bid, or as to the bidder, the Immovable Property shall at once again be put up to auction subject to the discretion of the Authorised Officer. **(2)** The Immovable Property shall not be sold below the Reserve Price. **(3)** Bid Increment Amount will be: **Rs. 10,000/- (Rupees Ten Thousand Only). (4)** All the Bids submitted for the purchase of the property shall be accompanied by Earnest Money as mentioned above by way of a Demand Draft favoring the "TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LTD." Payable at Branch address. The Demand Drafts will be returned to the unsuccessful bidders after auction. For payment of EMD through NEFT / RTGS / IMPS, kindly contact Authorised Officer. **(5)** The highest bidder shall be declared as successful bidder provided always that he/she is legally qualified to bid and provided further that the bid amount is not less than the reserve price. It shall be in the discretion of the Authorised Officer to decline acceptance of the highest bid when the price offered appears so clearly inadequate as to make it inadvisable to do so. **(6)** For reasons recorded, it shall be in the discretion of the Authorised Officer to adjourn / discontinue the sale. **(7)** Inspection of the Immovable Property can be done **on 15.09.2023 between 11:00 AM to 05:00 PM** with prior appointment. **(8)** The person declared as a successful bidder shall, immediately after such declaration, deposit twenty-five per cent of the amount of purchase money/bid which would include EMD amount to the Authorised Officer within 24Hrs and in default of such deposit, the property shall forthwith be put to fresh auction / Sale by private treaty. **(9)** In case the initial deposit is made as above, the balance amount of the purchase money payable shall be paid by the purchaser to the Authorised Officer on or before the 15th day from the date of confirmation of the sale of the property, exclusive of such day, or if the 15th day be a Sunday or other holiday, then on the first office day after the 15th day. **(10)** In the event of default of any payment within the period mentioned above, the property shall be put to fresh auction / Sale by private treaty. The deposit including EMD shall stand forfeited by TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LTD. and the defaulting purchaser shall lose all claims to the property. **(11)** Details of any encumbrances, known to the TATA CAPITAL HOUSING FINANCE LTD., to which the property is liable: as per table above. Claims, if any, which have been put forward to the property and any other known particulars bearing on its nature and value: as per table above. The Intending Bidder is advised to make their own independent inquiries regarding encumbrances on the property including statutory liabilities arears of property tax, electricity etc. **(12)** For any other details or for procedure online training on e-auction the prospective bidders may contact the Service Provider, **M/s. 4Closure,** Block No.605 A, 6th Floor, Maitrivanam Commercial Complex, Ameerpet, Hyderabad- 500038 through its coordinators **Mr. Arijit Kumar Das, 8142000725, 8142000066, 8142000062 Email :- arijit@bankauctions.in and Email : info@bankauctions.in** or Manish Bansal, Email id Manish.Bansal@tatacapital.com Authorised Officer Mobile No 8588983696. Please send your query on WhatsApp Number – 9999078669. **(13)** TDS of 1% will be applicable and payable by the highest bidder over the highest declared bid amount. The payment needs to be deposited by highest bidder in the PAN of the owner/ borrower(s) and the copy of the challan shall be submitted to our company. **(14)** Please refer to the below link provided in secured creditor's website **http://surl.li/ktwwy** for the above details. **(15)** Kindly also visit the link: **https://www.tatacapital.com/property-disposal.html.**

PLEASE NOTE: TCHFL has not engaged any broker/agent apart from the mentioned auctioning partner for sale / auction of this property. Interested parties should only contact the undersigned or the Authorised officer for all queries and enquiry in this matter.

Sd/-
Place: Bangalore
Date: 11.09.2023
Authorised Officer,
Tata Capital Housing Finance Ltd.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Congress MLC Jagadish Shettar on Sunday said that in order to secure OBC reservation, all sub-sects of the Lingayat community should unite and put pressure on the Union Government.Addressing the All-India Veerashaiva Lingayat Mahasabha awareness programme in Ballari, the former CM said, "At present, we are fighting for reservation in the OBC list, but we need to take all sub-sects of the community together. Only then will our voice reach the Centre."

State BJP leaders have no say in BJP-JDS pact?

BSY goes back on statement about alliance; Communication lag between state, central leaders adds to confusion

DEVARAJ B HIREHALLI @ Bengaluru

EVEN as there is talk of a BJP and JDS alliance to fight the 2024 Lok Sabha elections together in Karnataka, confusion prevailed within BJP on Sunday. Former chief minister BS Yediyurappa, who on Friday had confirmed that the deal was sealed as JDS patriarch HD Deve Gowda met Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, on Sunday said that no talks were held on the alliance as the PM was busy.

"Modi was busy with other things. Maybe talks will be held tomorrow or the day after. There has been no discussion so far. We will wait and see. As I said earlier that the alliance had not taken shape, now too, I maintain that the idea of alliance has not taken any shape. Everything will be decided by Modi and Shah," he said.

Yediyurappa had earlier said Shah had agreed to spare four seats to JDS and expressed happiness over the alliance as it would help it win 25-26 Lok Sabha seats.

Sources said the BJP think tank has already decided to go with the alliance and JDS has been following the advice of RSS, which also held deliberations on the move. It is not clear whether the consent of state BJP leaders, including Yediyurappa's, was taken for the alliance. There is confusion because of lack of communication between state and central party leaders. Chances of BJP National General Secretary (Organisation) BL Santhosh also having a say on the alliance cannot be ruled out, they added.

The BJP national leadership is putting together a strategy, not depending on state leaders. Seat sharing in a few select seats of north Karnataka and south is part of this plan. Fielding one or two BJP leaders as JDS candidates in Old Mysuru is also part of the strategy, for which there is opposition from a section within BJP, a source said. But Yediyurappa's volte-face is unexplainable. One of his aides and former minister MP Renukacharya, who met Yediyurappa on Sunday, has continued his attack against a section of BJP leaders, including Santhosh. "Those who are sitting in the state BJP office cannot even win gram panchayat polls," he said. Meanwhile, Yediyurappa is lobbying for the state president post for his son and Shikaripura MLA BS Vijayendra, who said in Shivamogga on Sunday that party workers want him to become the party state president.

FINAL DECISION ON ALLIANCE NOT MADE YET: RAVI

Former minister CT Ravi on Sunday said the final decision has not been made about the BJP-JDS alliance for the 2024 General Election. He said the final decision regarding the matter will be made by the BJP's high command and all members are expected to adhere to its directive. He told reporters on Sunday that he came to know about the issue only through media reports. "If a final decision is made, it will certainly be announced, but for now, let us wait. I have seen what Yediyurappa and Kumaraswamy told the media. I do not have any official information about the alliance," he said. Ravi exuded confidence that the high command's decision would be based on thorough deliberations. "In the meantime, we are doing what is necessary to win in all 28 Lok Sabha constituencies of the state. The final decision is left to senior leaders," he said. Replying to a query if the BJP will benefit from the alliance, Ravi said some matters cannot be discussed publicly. When asked about the delay in appointing a leader of opposition, Ravi said the BJP's apex body has delayed making a decision for a genuine reason.

JDS supremo HD Deve Gowda addresses party workers, as former chief minister HD Kumaraswamy, state JDS chief CM Ibrahim and other leaders look on, during a meeting at Palace Grounds in Bengaluru on Sunday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

Will campaign for the alliance candidates on a wheelchair: Gowda

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"BJP needs the support of JDS in Vijayapura, Raichur and Bidar seats and also in Chikkamagaluru-Udupi seat. BJP, meanwhile, has its own presence in Tumakuru, Ramanagara and Kolar districts," Deve Gowda claimed to have told the top duo in BJP.

Gowda said he will campaign for the alliance candidates on a wheelchair and hoped that the people of the state will save the regional party.

He said Chief Minister Siddaramaiah does not have any moral right to question his secular credentials. "Was he not a member of the Kannada Kavalu Samithi during the Ramakrishna Hegde government that was supported by BJP MLAs? He (Sddaramaiah) is not competent to question me. A few are talking about the ethics of the new alliance. There is no secret about who I met in Delhi. But I can analyse which leaders of the state who talk about morality have high morality. However, I have no interest in hurling personal abuses. What can I achieve by doing so at 91," he maintained.

Gowda, who had claimed in 2006 that he was opposed to Kumaraswamy forming an alliance government with BJP, on Sunday defended his political heir, saying it was a decision that will help save the party. He said Modi had asked Kumaraswamy to resign as chief minister of the Congress-JDS coalition government in 2018. "Modi had said he will make Kumaraswamy chief minister for a longer term, like he did with Nitish Kumar (of JDU) in Bihar. HD Revanna was also present when Kumaraswamy met the PM. But, because of me, Kumaraswamy politely rejected Modi's offer," Gowda claimed.

Kumaraswamy attacked the Congress government, saying it is looting the state to fund the I.N.D.I.A opposition bloc and that Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar has been given a target to collect Rs 2,000 crore from builders. He said a new political chapter will begin in the state against the misrule of the Congress government. "Congress is boasting as if they have already won 25 Lok Sabha seats. But we, the alliance, will checkmate them and break the party leaders' ego," he said.

"In 2006, I formed a government with BJP against the will of Deve Gowda. Today, I am making an alliance with his consent. The reason for not handing over power to BJP in 2006 was the conspiracy of Congress. Some leaders within BJP also did not want the government," he said. Both JDS and BJP have links with Janata Parivar as they were born out of the struggle of Jayaprakash Narayan against Emergency, he said.

He attacked the Siddaramaiah government for not taking action against Nandi Infrastructure Corridor Enterprise (NICE), despite the House committee headed by the then law minister TB Jayachandra filing a report that over 14,000 acres of farmlands had been acquired illegally to implement the Bengaluru Mysuru Infrastructure Corridor project. he alleged.

JDS state president CM Ibrahim, core committee chairman GT Devegowda and others were present.

Not in fray for General Election, says former CM

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Hubballi

MENTIONING that the speculation over his candidature for the Haveri Parliamentary segment was just a media creation, former chief minister Basavaraj Bommai ruled out contesting the 2024 General Election.

Speaking to reporters in Haveri, after attending the district core committee meeting of the BJP, Bommai questioned, "I never aspired for national politics nor have I ever said that I will contest the Lok Sabha election. Have I ever said so?" As far as candidates contesting from the Haveri segment, including Kantesh – son of senior leader KS Eshwarappa, are concerned, the Central leadership of the party would decide, he added.

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Basavaraj Bommai, Former CM

He, however, said that the agenda of the meeting was to retain the Parliamentary segment which covers Haveri and Gadag districts and some decisions have been taken after holding discussions with the members who contested the 2023 Assembly election.

The meeting also discussed the alleged anti-farmer stance of the Siddaramaiah government, concluding that a public movement ought to be planned against it. Also, the party would be rebuilt from the booth level by prioritising on the youth, women and OBC communities, he added.

On the tie-up with the JDS, Bommai said he had no clear idea about what transpired in the Delhi meetings, but the meeting between JDS supremo HD Deve Gowda and Union Home Minister Amit Shah was a welcome step. Already, the party has been jointly agitating with the JDS against the Congress government's alleged corrupt governance, but seat-sharing could be finalised in a couple of weeks, he added.

Training guns on the Congress government, the former chief minister said it has failed on all fronts, since coming to power and development works have come to a standstill.

The ruling party's MLAs themselves are speaking against their government and several of them have written open letters to the CM, but all their efforts are in vain.

Lashes out at Siddaramaiah

Stating that there is a huge difference between Siddaramaiah1.0 and 2.0, Bommai said that despite having known about large-scale corruption under his nose, the chief minister is in a helpless situation. He has failed to declare drought-hit areas and spend the funds released under NDRF by the Centre. He also appears less serious regarding farmer suicides. On the other hand, one of his ministers said that farmers were dying by suicide for the sake of compensation. "Is it your principle and ideology?" he questioned Siddaramaiah.

Kolar MP, BJP dist chief booked for preventing forest encroachment drive

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Kolar

KOLAR BJP MP S Muniswamy and district BJP president Dr Venugopal were booked, while 15 others were arrested for preventing forest department officials from carrying out an encroachment clearance drive at Naramakalahalli and Palya villages on Saturday.

Three FIRs have been registered based on complaints filed by forest officials and the driver of the earthmover. The cases have been filed for attempt to murder, obstructing government officials from carrying out their duty and Forest Act, said Kolar SP M Narayan.

Muniswamy is the prime accused in two cases, while Venugopal is the second accused, sources said. Tight security arrangements have been made at the spot.

In the meantime, two sisters tried to commit suicide by drinking a pesticide, alleging that their family members, who are innocent, were falsely booked and arrested. Among them, Shyamalamma is a former APMC president. Both were shifted to Srinivasapura Government Hospital, where they are said to be out of danger.

Kolar Superintendent of Police M Narayan instructs his officers to take up security duty in Srinivasapura on Sunday | EXPRESS

Muniswamy, who visited the hospital, said the Congress government is working against the interests of farmers and destroying their crops. The affected farmers have grant certificates, RTCs and other relevant documents to show that they have been in possession of the lands for the last 40 years. All political leaders, irrespective of their party affiliations, should protest against the injustice meted out to farmers, he added.

Muniswamy said he met senior party leader BS Yediyurappa and apprised him of the issue. Other party leaders too were informed, he added. Over the last few days, the forest department has taken up a drive to clear encroachments in hundreds of acres of forest land. When Muniswamy visited the spot on Saturday, a group of angry villagers damaged the windshield and glass panes of the earthmovers.

Neglecting BSY led to BJP's poll defeat: Renuka

ENS @ Davanagere

AFTER its loss in the assembly elections, the BJP is now approaching former chief minister B S Yediyurappa to revive the party before the Lok Sabha elections, former minister M P Renukacharya said here on Sunday.

He spoke to the media during his visit to the residence of former MLA Gurusiddana Gowda, who was expelled from the party. "Yediyurappa is the indisputable leader of the party, and built the party from scratch in Karnataka by bringing all sections of society together. But he has now been sidelined in a planned manner, which led in the BJP's defeat in elections," Renukacharya said.

Expressing anguish on the expulsion of Gowda without even a showcause notice, he said the BJP had cited "anti-party activities" during the assembly elections. "If people who built the BJP are expelled, where will the party stand in future," he asked.

Taking a dig at the BJP leadership, he said that those who spoke against Yediyurappa were neither given any notice nor was action initiated against them, and that Yediyurappa is the only person who can steer BJP to a bright future.

"Those who cannot even win Gram Panchayat elections have taken charge of the BJP and the result is before us," he alleged. Renukacharya reiterated that he wants to contest the parliamentary elections from Davanagere constituency and said that if he doesn't get the ticket, he will take the next course of action after speaking to his followers.

He said that Ravikumar, son of Gurusiddana Gowda, is also an aspirant for the BJP ticket from Davanagere parliamentary constituency, hence, Gowda was expelled. Renukacharya said he would soon be visiting former MLA Madal Virupakshappa.

Kateel did what he said

Recalling an audio clip of BJP state president Nalin Kumar Kateel saying that former CMs BS Yediyurappa and Jagadish Shettar, and former minister KS Eshwarappa will be politically finished, he said whatever Kateel had said had come true. "He has done what he said," Renukacharya said.

WILL SET UP MADRASA BOARD, SAYS ZAMEER

BENGALURU: After the Karnataka Christian Welfare Board, the state government is now planning to set up the Karnataka Madrasa Board. Housing and Minorities Welfare Minister Zameer Ahmed Khan, appreciating the Kerala model of madrasas, said on Sunday that the government has plans to set up a similar body in Karnataka. At the golden jubilee celebrations of the Sunni Students' Federation here, Zameer said the federation has imparted quality education to lakhs of children in the last 50 years and has helped many become IAS and IPS officers. The minority community has been lacking in education and the government is doing a lot to address the issue, he said. The government has resumed scholarships for students that was stopped by the previous BJP government, he said. Appreciating the way madrasas are being managed by Kerala, he said it is a model for all states. In Karnataka, it has been decided to teach Kannada in madrasas. "There is also a thinking that the Madrasas Board should be set up in the state," he added. Sunni Students' Federation state president Sufiyan Shakafi said they are running thousands of madrasas and giving importance to education. "There is no single incident of the federation members taking part in anti-social activities," he said. **ENS**

Pluralism lifeline of Indian culture, says Siddaramaiah

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Bengaluru

THE Congress held a massive meeting at the Palace Grounds on Sunday to felicitate Rajya Sabha MP **Nasir Hussain**, who was elevated to the Congress Working Committee recently. Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Deputy CM DK Shivakumar and other senior Congress leaders were in full attendance.

"Nasir Hussain started off as a student leader in St Philomena's College and Manasagangotri in Mysuru, and continued as one in Jawaharlal Nehru University," said Siddaramaiah.

Focusing on the spirit of democracy and attacking the BJP, Siddaramaiah said, "Pluralism is the lifeline of Indian culture and the essence of Indian soil. Destruction of India's pluralism means destruction of our Constitution. There is a plan to destroy India's pluralistic culture of thousands of years. Indian pluralism and Constitution are safe in the hands of Congress."

He said, "The BJP, which started programmes like Make in India, Skill India, StartUp India, is now shocked by the name 'India' and is changing the country to 'Bharat'. We are the ones who ran for Bharat Jodo Yatra."

Shivakumar spoke about the atmosphere of fear in Karnataka before May. "Before the Congress took over, people were living in fear, now they are living fearlessly. The BJP government had filed false cases against innocent minorities and the poor, we will discuss these with legal experts. The minorities and the deprived can now heave a sigh of relief, our government will not allow injustice. We had stated in our election promise that we would cancel the 'Nagpur Education Policy' and bring in a Karnataka Education Policy, and have taken it up accordingly. We need your blessings for the Lok Sabha elections as well."

Others who participated in the meeting were former Union minister Salman Khurshid, leaders from Bihar and Maharashtra, CM's political adviser Naseer Ahmed, Rajya Sabha members, cabinet ministers and MLAs.

Soil from DK to be sent for martyrs' park in Delhi, says Kateel

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE
@ Mangaluru

DAKSHINA Kannada MP and state BJP president Nalin Kumar Kateel on Sunday launched the 'Nanna Mannu, Nanna Desha' (My Soil, My Nation) campaign in Mangaluru, and said that the soil from Dakshina Kannada will be collected and sent for the construction of 'Amruta Vana,' a memorial park for martyrs at Kartavya Path in New Delhi.

Kateel called upon the people of Dakshina Kannada to come forward and join the campaign to collect soil from every nook and corner of the district and send it to New Delhi for the construction of the memorial park.

"Earlier, pieces of iron from across Dakshina Kannada were collected and sent to Gujarat for the construction of the Statue of Unity, which is dedicated to former Union home minister Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Citizens had also joined their hands in building the Ram Mandir at Ayodhya. 'My Soil, My Nation' is the third such initiative in which people will participate actively. Now, we will collect soil from our district for the memorial park, and thereby, remember martyrs from our district, who have sacrificed their lives and contributed to the freedom struggle and development of our country," he said.

He further added that India will become one of the top countries in the world in the next 25 years.

BJP leaders launched the campaign by pouring soil collected from the premises of Kadri Manjunatha, Mangaladevi, Somanatheshwara, Kudroli Gokarna and Sharavu Mahaganapathi temples.

State BJP president Nalin Kumar Kateel launches 'Nanna Mannu, Nanna Desha' campaign in Mangaluru on Sunday

Vedavyas Kamath, MLA from Mangaluru City South Constituency, said Prime Minister Narendra Modi has called upon citizens of the country to join hands in building this unique park for martyrs.

MLC K Pratap Simha Nayak said the campaign will create awareness among the youth about the rich legacy of the country and the martyrs' sacrifices.

The postmortem of two tigers that were found dead in Nilgiris district of Tamil Nadu on Saturday has pointed to circumstantial poisoning of one of them. The other tiger died of injuries, suspected to have been caused in a fight with another animal, forest department sources said

Loan apps lend money without documentation, but charge high interest rates, harass and blackmail to extort more from borrowers

THE TRAP IS JUST A CLICK AWAY

CHETAN MG

TEJAS G, a 22-year-old mechanical engineering student at a private engineering college in Yelahanka in Bengaluru, had borrowed money from a loan app to help his friend. To repay the loan, he raised another loan from another app. He kept paying interest but could not repay the loan. The interest increased and so did the harassment by the lenders. On July 11, he left a note seeking apologies from his parents, and stated that he was unable to bear the harassment by the loan sharks, and ended his life.

Nanda Kumar, a 55-year-old employee of a cooperative bank, started receiving morphed obscene pictures on his phone. The senders were threatening to upload them on the internet, besides sending them to his family and friends. Fearing this, he came under a moving train near Kengeri, in July last year. Borrowing loans from random lending apps drove him to take the extreme step.

In both these cases, neither of the victims had borrowed lakhs or crores of rupees, but just a few thousand. However, it was the huge amount of interest they were made to cough up by loan sharks, topped by blackmailing to extort more from them, that put them under pressure. The debt/death trap was just a click away.

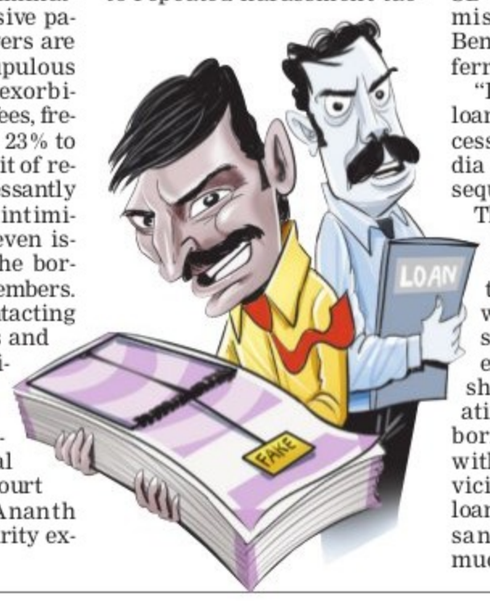
With the Covid-19 pandemic came financial distress, as lakhs of people lost their jobs. During this period, predatory loan apps gained entry into the world of micro-financing. The apps, which were easily downloadable from app stores grabbed the eyeballs of people on social media platforms. It seemed lucrative as they offered loans without any documentation, and that's how many walked into the trap.

As most of these apps had links to China, where they were being operated and monitored from cloud-based servers, the apps were also called 'Chinese loan apps'. Taking a cue from these apps, Africans started similar ones, and even Indians designed hundreds of predatory apps. With the intervention of law enforcement agencies, several apps were pulled down from Google Play Store and the App Store (iPhones). To control the menace of these loan apps, the RBI gave a list of Digital Lending Apps (DLAs) run by regulated entities so that only listed DLAs are hosted on these stores. After a lull, the predatory loans made a backdoor entry via third-party app stores. They also started sending messages on apps like Telegram, to reach out to potential borrowers.

BIG PICTURE

How do these apps operate?

"They specifically target financially vulnerable individuals, often those plagued by a poor credit history or facing financial hardships. To identify potential victims, they employ tactics such as advertising on search engines like Google, focusing on keywords like 'quick loan', 'loan without collateral', 'fast loan' or '10-second loan'. These apps entice borrowers with the promise of quick and hassle-free loans, and minimising or eliminating the need for extensive paperwork. Once borrowers are lured in, these unscrupulous app handlers impose exorbitant interest rates and fees, frequently in the range of 23% to 30% per week. In pursuit of repayment, they also incessantly call at all hours, send intimidating messages and even issue threats to harm the borrower or their family members. They go further by contacting the borrower's friends and relatives, sending fabricated legal notices and falsely claiming that these contacts are guarantors, subject to legal action via fraudulent court orders," explained Ananth Prabhu G, a cyber security expert in Mangaluru.



IF HARASSED

- Report the app to RBI or other financial regulator
- Dial 1930 or visit cybercrime.gov.in
- Block any communication attempts from the app
- Consider changing your phone number, email ID
- Seek assistance from financial counsellor or consumer protection organisation

"These apps may also exploit personal data collected during installation, which often encompasses access to the user's gallery, contacts, SMS messages, location, camera and more. Due to their illicit nature, these apps lack legitimate payment gateways, causing borrowers to make repayments to a provided GPay ID, frequently leading to repeated harassment tactics, falsely claiming that payments haven't been credited and coercing multiple payments from victims. Some fraudulent loan apps may engage in phishing attempts, where they trick borrowers into providing sensitive information such as banking credentials, passwords or personal identification. There are occasions when these apps deposit funds into the account of individuals who have installed the app, without requesting a loan. Such strategies are employed to intimidate individuals who are merely inquisitive about the app and decide to install it on their devices," he said.

Interest begins to mount

"Taking advantage of people's immediate requirement for money, predatory loan apps are luring people with easy access to loans without any documentation. You get the money instantly but what follows is sheer harassment," says DIG SD Sharanappa, Joint Commissioner of Police (Crime), Bengaluru city (who was transferred last week).

"In a hurry to avail instant loans, borrowers give apps access to their contacts and media without realising the consequences. ," he said.

The lenders are happy till the borrower keeps paying the interest. If one fails, the trouble begins. Starting with sending lewd or abusive messages to the borrower and his contacts, the loan sharks go to the extent of creating obscene images of the borrower and sharing them with his/her contacts. "It is a vicious circle. First, they give loans amounting to a few thousand rupees and charge so much interest that the borrower is not be in a position to arrange money. Then, they only guide you to install a similar app to arrange funds, which charges much higher interest. So once a person falls into the trap, it's a difficult task to come out of it," said Sharanappa, adding that most of the victims in such cases are from low-income groups.

"Not only illiterates, even educated people have also fallen prey to the apps, inviting a wave of threats, blackmail and harassment, in Belagavi. It was their curiosity to avail the loan easily and instantly which victimised them," said Sanjeev Kamble, police inspector, Cyber, Economic & Narcotics (CEN) Crime police station in Belagavi. In just three cases, the loan sharks extorted Rs. 43 lakh in total, he says, adding that victims have slipped into depression because of it.

While advising people to be wary before downloading such apps, a senior officer in the Cyber Crime Division in the Criminal Investigation Department opined that it's nearly impossible to stop such apps.

"No matter what we (police) or the governments do, with fast-changing technology, they (apps) find ways to reach people. Many apps which were pulled down from application stores are back with different names. It's a constant battle. Hence, it is only people who can discourage cyber criminals by not availing of loans from their apps."

(Inputs by Divya Cutinho/ Mangaluru, Tushar A Majukar/ Belagavi, Mallikarjun Hiremath/ Hubballi, Prajna GR/ Madikeri, Firoz Rozindar/ Vijayapura and Arpitha I/ Shivamogga)

'Will train police to be sensitive'

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THE commissioner said the girl also behaved violently with the police after which she was overpowered by women cops before she was taken to the hospital. The result of the drug test came negative. The commissioner said the girl was handed over to her parents who admitted her to hospital for treating aggressive behaviour. He also said they are investigating as to why she acted the way she did. On Sunday, the news reached the KSCPCR chairperson, who got updates from the police commissioner and Mangaluru East police. He told TNIE that the police are still not clear about the girl's age and if she is a minor, the commission will take a suo motu case against excise and police officials. Irrespective of the girl being a minor or an adult, the way she was treated at the police station shows that the police lack training in handling such sensitive issues, he said, adding that he will organise a training course for them through the Legal Cell. "They should have waited for some time for the girl to become normal and then counselled her. Coercive measures will lead to stress, panic and might also take a more serious turn. That is not the right approach," he said.

There are two viral videos of the incident. In the first, four women cops are found pinning down the girl to the ground as the girl shouts at them and asks them to go away.

Naidu sent to 14-day judicial custody

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @Vijayawada

THE Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) special court on Sunday remanded former chief minister and TDP national president N Chandrababu Naidu in judicial custody for 14 days in the alleged Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation (APSSDC) scam. He was shifted to Rajamahendravaram Central Prison.

The verdict, which came after almost seven-and-a-half hours of arguments from the advocates of Naidu and the AP-CID, predictably sparked outrage among TDP leaders and cadre. TDP State president K Atchannaidu, in a statement, condemned Naidu's arrest in the 'illegal case' and called for a State-wide bandh Monday. Police security has been intensified across the State to prevent any untoward incidents. Jana Sena Party extended its support to the bandh.

The CID sleuths, who arrested Naidu at Nandyal on Saturday morning, produced him in court on Sunday morning after conducting the mandatory medical tests fo him at the Vijayawada Government General Hospital (GGH). In the remand report submitted to the court, the CID narrated the sequence of events in the scam and pointed out that though it was agreed that M/s Siemens would give 90% as grant-in-aid, and the State government the remaining to open six centres of excellence and several skill development institutions, Naidu "intentionally" did not insist on the contribution of the technology partners. It argued that Naidu (A-37) is the "principal architect of the entire scheme."

TDP supremo N Chandrababu Naidu arrives at a civil court in Vijayawada on Sunday | PRASANT MADUGULA

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3	33639420000907	1) Mr. Nagaraj V, 2) Mrs. Ashwini	17.01.2022	02.06.2022	Rs.26,58,278.50 (Rupees Twenty Six Lakh Fifty Eight Thousand Two Hundred Seventy Eight And Five Paisa Only)	29.09.2023 Time 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM	Rs.36,00,000/- (Rupees Thirty Six Lakh Only)	Rs.3,60,000/- (Rupees Three Lakh Sixty Thousand Only)	13.10.2023 @ 02:00 PM	12.10.2023 Till 5.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank, Head Office - The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No. 10/1, 11/2 &12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.
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4	47469680000048/ 47469430000170	1) Mrs. Mubeen Taj 2) Mr. Afsar Pasha	17.11.2022	23.08.2023	Rs.19,51,930.68 (Rupees Ninteen Lakh Fifty One Thousand Nine Hundred Thirty And Sixty Eight Paisa Only)	29.09.2023 Time 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM	Rs.18,30,000/- (Rupees Eighteen Lakh Thirty Thousand Only)	Rs.1,83,000/- (Rupees One Lakh Eighty Three Thousand Only)	13.10.2023 @ 02:00 PM	12.10.2023 Till 5.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank, Head Office - The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No. 10/1,11/2 &12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.
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5	30198640001361/ 30199660001268/ 30199660003899/ 45349660003869	1) M/s Seema Enterpirses Rep by its Prop: Syed Chand Pasha, 2) Mr. Syed Chand Pasha, 3) Mrs. Shabana Begum	26.05.2022	04.09.2023	Rs.49,81,036.85 (Rupees Forty Nine Lakh Eighty One Thousand Thirty Six And Eighty Five Paisa Only)	29.09.2023 Time 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM	Rs.36,29,000/- (Rupees Thirty Six Lakh Twenty Nine Thousand Only)	Rs.3,62,900/- (Rupees Three Lakh Sixty Two Thousand Nine Hundred Only)	13.10.2023 @ 02:00 PM	12.10.2023 Till 5.00 PM Jana Small Finance Bank, Head Office - The Fairway, Ground & First Floor, Survey No. 10/1,11/2 &12/2B, Off Domlur, Koramangla Inner Ring Road, Next to EGL Business Park, Challaghatta, Bangalore-560071.
	DETAILS OF SECURED ASSETS:- All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Site No.21, Old No.56/3 then No.111, Byrasandra, presently Corporation, No.21/8 Situated at 2nd Cross, 8th Main Road, (area in between RBI & Hutting Colony) Tank bund area, Byrasandra, 58th Division of BBMP, Bangalore, presently within the Limits of BBMP, and **Bounded on the: East by:** Property of No.20, **West by:** Remaining Potion of the Property No.21 belongs to Mehaboobi, **North by:** Road, **South by:** C.I.T.B Land. Measuring East to West : 16 Feet and North to South 28 Feet.									

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Date: 11-09-2023, Place: Bangalore & Bangalore Rural **Sd/- Authorized Officer, Jana Small Finance Bank Limited**

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Borrower/s & Guarantor/s Name & Address Total Due + Interest from	Description of Secured Asset (Immovable Property)
1.Mr. Ramanji S/o. Doddanna 2.Mrs. Rajani W/o. Ramanji D Both are residing at No 521 4Th Cross, Kodigehalli Amurthahalli, Bangalore, Karnataka - 560092. **Loan Account No.- EMFMAKLI0008417** Claim Amount Due Rs.1766477/- as on 20-07-2019 with further interest from 21-07-2019 with monthly rest, charges and costs, etc., (Total Outstanding being Rs.30,72,111/- as on 05-09-2023).	All the Peace and parcel of the immovable property bearing Site no. 15, New.No.15, Site.no. 221, Katha. No. 221/221, Formed out of property.No.81, Assessment. No. 203 (221/221), Situated at thindlu village, yelahanka hobli, Bangalore north taluk, now Comes under B.B.M.P limits, Bangalore, measuring East to West 22 Feet, Northh to South 32 Feet, total extent 704 S.qft. North by: House belongs to Sri.Gangappa, South by: House belongs to Sri. Narayanaswamy, East by : Road, West by : Road. Measurement : measuring East to West 22 Feet, North to South 32 Feet, total extent 704 S.qft. Situated at within the Sub-Registration District of Heballa and Registration District of Bangalore. together with all buildings and Structure attached to the earth or permanently fastened to anything attached to earth, both present and future and all easasmentary/mamool rights annexed thereto, and the boundaries of the said land are as follows. **Reserve Price: Rs.32,00,000/-, Earnest Money Deposit: Rs.3,20,000/- Contact Names: Hussian : 8880880305, Darshana K M : 9611143773**

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EDITORIAL

There is no respect for others without humility in one's self

Henri Frederic Amiel

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— Ramnath Goenka

POLITICS OF GLOBAL SOUTH IN THE G20's DELHI DECLARATION

The New Delhi leaders' declaration that headlined the G20 meet threw up a few surprises. One, it came hours after the two-day summit opened, while the rule of thumb is that such declarations are announced at the fag end of the talks. And two, the G7 and the European Union agreed to drop the strong language on the Russian invasion of Ukraine they forced into the Bali declaration last year. The Bali declaration had strongly deplored Russia's aggression against Ukraine and demanded its complete and unconditional troop withdrawal. Russia had somehow consented to that phraseology but walked out of it a few weeks later, putting future declarations in a pickle.

Over the last few weeks, G20 sherpas of all member states did mental gymnastics to find a workaround till they arrived at what foreign minister S Jaishankar called was a common landing point. While there was no clear word on how it was thrashed out, three countries are said to have helped craft the final please-all text. Jaishankar did not identify the countries but said the emerging markets took the lead on it. The final document made a general statement advising all countries to refrain from the use of force for territorial acquisition, adding that the threat of using nuclear weapons was inadmissible. It explicitly mentioned Russia only in the context of reviving the Black Sea initiative to let Ukraine export foodgrains. If the softened language contributes to restarting Ukraine's grain exports, it would cool food inflation across the world, which is in everybody's interest, and address hunger in the Global South.

Among the other important announcements was a multilateral pact to build a new economic corridor connecting Asia, Europe and the US, a clear counter to China's Belt and Road initiative. Besides, a global biofuel alliance was launched. But the centrality of the Global South in the overall scheme of things could not be missed. It began with the induction of the African Union into the grouping. It also manifested in the name card before Prime Minister Narendra Modi, which read Bharat, not India. The political messaging of course was the BJP's alignment with the poor in the country—as against the Opposition bloc's INDIA. The apparent idea is to refurbish a massy image of Modi as a pro-poor messiah ahead of the assembly and national polls. A Constitutional amendment to make the country's name change effective might possibly wait.

ISOLATED NAIDU FACES TOUGHEST CHALLENGE YET

N Chandrababu Naidu, TDP chief and former Andhra chief minister, was once the cynosure of all eyes in Delhi. Within a short time of becoming CM for the first time in 1995 at the age of 45, he became popular for "steering the wheel" of national politics—through the United Front and the NDA. With an aura of invincibility and dynamism around him, he continued to be the darling of the two alternate poles on the Indian political landscape despite being in the opposition. In 2014, he again came to power in the divided Andhra Pradesh, riding high on the Modi wave. As it so often happens, fortune is a flirt.

He lost in 2019 to YSRC chief Y S Jagan Mohan Reddy, a leader just as young as Naidu was in the mid-1990s, after hoping to relive the highs of the 1990s on the back of the Congress. Fast forward to September 10, 2023: bereft of friends, he is remanded in judicial custody in a graft case. A stunning reversal of fortunes.

Of course, this is not a conviction. Naidu can seek bail and get a clean chit from the courts. But it is a stain on his career. The case pertains to the alleged siphoning of ₹371 crore through shell companies under the pretext of opening clusters of excellence and skill development institutions. The GST, ED and CID have been probing the web of transactions for over two years. Going by the remand report, it appears there is evidence of Naidu violating the rules when he was CM during 2014–19. The CID claims the end beneficiaries were the TDP and its chief. It remains to be seen if they have clinching proof. The political fallout of all this is a tad difficult to predict. Nonetheless, coming as this does close on the heels of the show-cause notice slapped on Naidu by the income tax department—which seeks to know why the ₹118 crore he received as "kickbacks" cannot be treated as undisclosed income—makes matters worse. From what we have seen in the last decade, he may be under intense scrutiny of various agencies.

No doubt the TDP is seething with rage, but public sympathy is not assured. Naidu's party accuses CM Jagan of political vendetta, but there is more than meets the eye here. A prolonged stay in jail would demoralise the party, which has no leader of stature to take over from Naidu. The options before the TDP are limited. Its only salvation may lie in the BJP. The terms of an agreement could well be on Naidu's mind. Can he pull himself out of this crisis? Nothing can be ruled out as of now.

QUICK TAKE

CRUEL WAGE

The case of an Uttar Pradesh school security guard with a monthly pay of ₹150 since 1998 shocked the Allahabad High Court recently. The "forced labour", as the court described it, began in 1992 at ₹30 per mensem. The court ordered current wages and service regularisation. That's justice rendered? No country can live down the indignity of a free citizen's wage stuck at ₹5 daily for 25 years. It means labour and human rights don't truly percolate. Ironically, that guard's better off, considering lakhs of labourers go paisa-less for days together every month despite innumerable work and wage guarantee schemes.

The unanimous signing off on the Delhi Declaration on the first day of G20 and the African Union's induction show that India has been accepted as the new voice of the Global South

INDIA'S COUNTER CORRIDOR: A NOOSE AROUND BEIJING

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As US President Joe Biden departed from New Delhi after the conclusion of the G20 summit—widely acclaimed as host India's indisputable moment in the sun—the fact that he headed for Vietnam, the only country that had given China a bloody nose, was a message to Beijing that the world would no longer dance to 'Emperor' Xi Jinping's tune.

Reinforcing the anti-China slant to the conclave was the announcement of the inclusion of the 55-nation African Union in the powerful G20, the urgent need for multilateral development banks to shore up emerging economies, and the proposal to build the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEE-EC).

It was an unmistakable message to China that its brute aggression exemplified by its duplicitous debt diplomacy, its grey zone militarisation in the creation of a string of artificial islands in the South China Sea, and its steady militarisation on India's land borders would no longer go unchallenged. Nor would its attempt to replace the United States in its old stomping ground, the Middle East, where Washington had been impolitic in ceding ground to Beijing.

Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov, who represented his country in the absence of Russian President Vladimir Putin, may have been shunned by most leaders, barring the UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, over Russia's continued attacks on Ukraine, but it was the signal to Beijing which stood out at this G20.

Indeed, the corridor may have been only one among many deals that India pulled off with great aplomb, but this, like much else about the G20 presidency, underscores India's transformation from a passive observer to an active driver of the arc of anti-Chinese nations that can no longer sit on the fence.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, with his outreach to Vietnam, Indonesia and the Philippines—all deeply upset with China's new map and with whom he has shored up strategic and quasi-military ties—has shifted India from the sidelines to the centre stage of the geopolitical churn against China.

Largely provoked by Beijing's militarisation across the contested Line of Actual Control (LAC) despite repeated attempts to arrive at a consensus on disengagement, the move to look beyond allies Japan and Australia and instead give teeth to its Act East policy through alliances with smaller Asian nations is a definite break from the past. Much to the absent Chinese President Xi Jinping's discomfort, India, clearly, at the prodding of Washington, is today the emerging challenger to China's writ.

The unexpected signing off on a Delhi Declaration on the first day of the G20 summit in Delhi by all members, including China and Russia, as the communique cleverly skirted the prickly issue of Russian ingress into Ukraine, was the first signal that India had grown into the role of trusted facilitator, acceptable to leaders of the developed and the developing nations. And with the induction of the African Union, India has been accepted as the new voice of the Global South.

The leeway given to India over not alienating its long-time legacy partner Russia was an interesting insight into how Delhi is viewed within the group. More so, as insiders indicate, the Russian delegation was open to a UN-backed Black Sea Grain initiative, allowing Ukraine to move grain to Turkiye and countries in need.

But the corridor, designed to run circles around China's hugely unpopular Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) which pushed debt-ridden countries in South Asia like Sri Lanka, Nepal, Pakistan, and several African nations to the brink of economic collapse, was the far bigger signal of China's misreading of the global mood.

Two years in the making, the recreation of the centuries-old trade route on the 'Spice Route'—adding spice to India's ballast as it emerges as a counterbalance to China—points to growing alarm in the West and the Middle East over China's move to co-opt nuclear Iran, an Afghanistan run by a rogue militia, and Saudi Arabia into an Arab-Central Asian extension of the Belt and Road Initiative.

Pakistan, propped up financially by China, is in economic distress, unable to fund and arm terror groups which were once used to keep India off-balance. Pakistan will fret as key backers Saudi Arabia and the Emirates build stronger economic, trade and tech ties with India, and as Islamabad readies to hand over Karachi port to the UAE. More so as China's proposed development of the strategic Balochistan port of Gwadar at the mouth of the Strait of Hormuz in the Arabian Gulf is at a standstill, as is the China-Pakistan Economic corridor (CPEC) project after repeated attacks on Chinese workers.

The 'corridor', once up and running, will run circles around China's own corridor. The IMEE-EC was crafted last year by the President of the United Arab Emirates, Sheikh Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan, alongside his National Security Advisor Sheikh Tahnoon Bin Zayed, and the Indian and US NSAs, Ajit Doval and Jake Sullivan, at multiple meetings in Dubai, and in May this year in the Saudi city of Jeddah under the benign eye of the Saudi Crown Prince Sheikh Mohammed bin Salman bin Abdulaziz Al Saud.

The corridor will see a rail bridge connecting Vietnam to Myanmar, Bangladesh and India as the first leg. Mumbai and the UAE's critically positioned port of Fujairah, which hosted US frigates during the first Gulf War, will form the next leg, a critical sea link. At the same time, the overland linkage across the Saudi desert—where the legendary Lawrence of Arabia built the first rail line—will connect to the Israeli port of Haifa, in lands once traversed by spice merchants to destinations in Italy, Germany and France.

Clearly, while speculation about Xi's absence from G20 has been put down to a major purge of the People's Liberation Army and the Chinese Communist Party, his reluctance to share the stage with Prime Minister Modi at the G20 in Delhi may not have been entirely misplaced after all.

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ELEPHANT *JATAKAS* WITH A TIMELESS MESSAGE

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FAITHLINE

Indian tradition has warned us since the ancient times of the 'Shadripu' or six enemies within us that every human being has to fight in order to become our better selves. They are *kama* (desire), *krodha* (anger), *lobha* (greed), *mada* (ego), *moha* (attachment), and *matsarya* (partiality). These are the negative qualities which prevent us from attaining 'moksha' or liberation from the endless cycle of birth and death.

The elephant is highly regarded in Indian tradition and some *jatakas* take up the theme of the Shadripu, using an elephant as the protagonist.

One story goes that the Bodhisattva or Buddha in a previous birth was born as the king of the 'Chaddanta' or six-tusked elephants. The elephant king had a pure white body with his feet and face flushed an attractive rosy red. He lived in a golden cave on the banks of a beautiful lake with his two queens, Mahasubhadda and Chullasubhadda, and ruled his herd with patience and wisdom.

One day, after bathing in the lake with his wives, the king elephant playfully hit a sal tree in full bloom. By chance, the dry leaves and red ants from the tree fell on Chullasubhadda whereas the flowers and the pollen fell on Mahasubhadda. This offended Chullasubhadda deeply and she disappeared into the jungle, burning with anger. Nobody could find her although they searched far and wide.

Soon after, Chullasubhadda died and was reborn as a princess of the Madda kingdom. When she grew up, she was married to the king of Varanasi and became his chief queen. But she could not forget her anger in her previous birth. She persuaded her husband to obtain the king elephant's tusks for her. The king summoned all the hunters of the kingdom and finally picked an experienced man called Sonuttara.

However, it took seven years, seven months and seven days for Sonuttara to find the Chaddantas. When he did, he dug a pit and covered it with dry leaves and branches. When the king elephant was about to pass over it, Sonuttara took aim at him with a poisoned arrow.

The elephant in turn was about to charge at him, but when he saw Sonuttara's disguise—an ochre robe of a monk—he recoiled and held back. Touched by the elephant king's piety, the hunter's heart underwent a change and he confessed the whole story to the elephant. They parted ways in goodwill and Chullasubhaddha neither got her wish nor could she ever live in peace because of her anger.

Another *jataka* says that there was once an elephant called Mahilamukha who belonged to a king's stables. He was docile, sweet-tempered and very obedient to his mahout.

One evening, a gang of thieves sneaked into the royal stables unnoticed. Finding themselves safe, they began to talk and compare notes. They retold their evil and cruel deeds with great relish. Mahilamukha overheard every word in his stall.

> The thieves' conversations were about evil and they praised those among them who killed innocent, helpless people. This daily dose of wickedness began to influence the gentle Mahilamukha

The thieves took to coming regularly at night to the elephant stables as it proved to be a safe place for their meetings. All their conversations were about evil and they praised those among them who killed innocent, helpless people. This daily dose of wickedness began to influence the gentle Mahilamukha. He began to think that violence was a desirable virtue.

One morning, when his mahout approached his stall, Mahilamukha suddenly swung him up and dashed him to the ground. He trampled his mahout to death, believing it was a fine thing to do.

This terrible act shocked everybody at the stables because it was so out of character and completely unprovoked. But Mahilamukha killed a total of five mahouts that day when they tried to approach him one by one.

The Bodhisattva was the king's minister in that birth, and the king sent him to investigate the matter. After making a close inquiry, the Bodhisattva came to know that the elephant was otherwise sane and fit. He had no apparent reason to behave murderously.

Further inquiry brought to light that the elephant stall had become a den of thieves at night. This gave the Bodhisattva an insight into Mahilamukha's altered mind. He set up a series of talks by respected holy men as course correction. Listening every night to their words on right conduct, Mahilamukha's mind gradually changed for the better. He reverted to his gentle, obedient self and never gave trouble again. If we substitute Mahilamukha with ourselves, we realise the *jataka's* message is about the powers of good and bad influence. We must also marvel at how the Bodhisattva reclaimed Mahilamukha's mind instead of having him killed.

In another *jataka*, the Bodhisattva was born in a Himalayan forest as an elephant called Silava. His beauty was unparalleled. When he grew up, he became the leader of 80,000 elephants. But he went away one day to a faraway forest to live a spiritual life.

One day, Silava saw a man crying helplessly in the forest. The elephant advanced compassionately to help him. The man was afraid and ran away. So Silava halted to reassure him. This happened three times. The man grew unafraid and stopped running. Silava then offered to lead him out of the forest and set him on the path to Varanasi. He carried him on his back to the highway which led to the nearest kingdom.

But when he got to Varanasi, the ungrateful man went straight to the ivory dealers and told them to keep a good sum ready. Armed with a saw, he went back to the forest and piteously begged the elephant to let him cut his tusks off so that he could earn money. The gentle elephant agreed and knelt down. The greedy man cut off his tusks from the very root, leaving Silava wounded and in great pain.

But the man did not go unpunished. On his way back, the earth split wide open. A wave of fire burst forth and plunged him into hell. The tree fairies then attended to Silava's wounds with medicinal leaves and he was healed.

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Delhi Declaration

Ref: *Landmark Delhi leaders declaration adopted* (Sept 10). It would be an understatement to say this declaration and the 100% consensus is a major diplomatic win for India. Convincing the Western world to make no direct reference to Russia while criticising the Ukraine war is huge. Inducting the African Union as a permanent G20 member is another feather in India's cap towards championing the cause of the Global South.
Bal Govind, Noida

Press freedom

The much-hyped G20 summit is seen more as a routine rendezvous than a serious meeting of leaders. Despite the joint communique, none of the burning global issues like climate, the widening gap between the haves and have-nots, etc., was discussed. The suppression of press freedom in India was well-displayed by not allowing the American press to pose questions in the press meet.
A G Rajmohan, Anantapur

Witty juxtaposition

Ref: *Hindu rishi versus British Sunak* (Sept 10). I had a hearty laugh reading Prabhu Chawla's witty last line "... G20 is a summit for strongmen, not a forum for Britain's man of straw—an accidental Prime Minister." How interestingly the columnist juxtaposed Winston Churchill's insult of Indians as "...men of straw" with the present-day reality of UK!
Athulya M, Hyderabad

Customer service

Ref: *Pre-pay for all your troubles* (Sept 10). Being a customer is a curse, so says the writer. All the glitter and pomp in the name of customer service are deceitful lures to remorselessly extract hard-earned money. The 'pay for performance' concept has been aptly explained by the *Ramcharitmanas* couplet.
Sanath Kumar T S, Thrissur

Alliance talks

Apropos of *Alliance talks: JDS could gain from BJP's strategy to contain Congress* (Sept 10). BJP needs to put its own house in order so as to gain advantages from its alliance with JDS. It has to stonewall crossover attempts of its disgruntled cadre. The JDS is fighting for survival and both the parties need to evolve a credible narrative to fight the Congress.
Rajarao Kumar, Bengaluru

Engineering courses

Ref: *Engineering counselling over, 41,703 seats vacant* (Sept 10). Core courses like civil and mechanical engineering and secondary courses like agriculture and biomedical engineering aren't finding many takers. Courses like AI and robotics offer better placement opportunities. It's time the institutions switch to job-related courses which are beneficial to the students.
Sankaranarayanan, Chennai

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POSTS OF THE DAY

President Biden @POTUS
When global economy is suffering from the overlapping shocks of climate crisis, fragility and conflict, this year's summit proved that G20 can still drive solutions to our most pressing issues.

Emmanuel Macron @EmmanuelMacron
Facing growing risks of divisions worldwide, dialogue with emerging economies on every continent is essential. Global stability and our ability to act, both depend on it.

Ursula von der Leyen @vonderleyen
I passed two messages to the G20: 1) Establish a framework for safe, responsible AI. 2) Digital public infrastructures are an accelerator of growth.

YESHI SELI @New Delhi

VASUDHAIVA KUTUMBAKAM

● G20 Summit is an undisputed success for India's Presidency ● On Ukraine conflict, there was a convergent consensus

"MODI ki guarantee" and "Modi ka magic" helped in bringing about the G20 New Delhi Leaders' Declaration, said a source who witnessed the deliberations at the 18th G20 Summit in New Delhi.

India managed to hammer out an unexpected consensus among the G20 countries on the contentious Ukraine conflict through a series of hectic negotiations. The consensus document had 10 broad themes and 37 sub-heads. But nearly all of this was accepted by the leaders of the G20 nations.

The text relating to Ukraine conflict saw "a convergent consensus and not a divisive consensus. The sentiment in the room was buoyant," the source said, adding that the Prime Minister was "a junction box of democratic values".

Refusing to draw any comparison with the Bali Declaration, External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar said at a media briefing, "Bali was Bali and New Delhi is New Delhi. I mean, Bali was a year ago." It was wrong to draw any inferences, he said.

The declaration issued at the G20's Bali Summit last November had deplored in the strongest terms the Russian aggression against Ukraine while most members strongly condemned the war. The New Delhi declaration does not feature these formulations.

Meanwhile, Russia is rather happy with the declaration.

"The summit is an unconditional success for the Indian Presidency and for all of us. The G20 is undergoing internal reform. This was reflected in the significant activation of G20 members representing the Global South," said Russian Foreign Minister, Sergey Lavrov.

Lavrov also spoke of Moscow's growing economic ties with Delhi and that the two countries were making efforts to come up with an alternative mechanism to the SWIFT financial system.

On the UN resolutions on Ukraine, 16 members of the G20 voted for all the resolutions condemning Russia, while three members had abstained and one voted against it.

"There was a consensus on the language of the document that was put up for the declaration. At the same time, I would like to reiterate that G20 is a forum that talks about economic reforms and development, and should not be used for geopolitics," said French President Emmanuel Macron in response to a query from this newspaper.

Similar views were expressed by President of Turkiye, Recep Tayyip Erdogan. "I would like to compliment Prime Minister Modi on the New Delhi Leaders' Declaration. There was consensus on it and we are happy to see this document," said Erdogan, adding that he would be happy if there was a way of the conflict in Ukraine coming to an end.

And they take time off to...

British PM Rishi Sunak and wife Akshata Murthy visited the Akshardham temple in the capital on Sunday. Despite the rain, the couple walked barefoot and spent close to an hour in the premises, admiring its history and architecture, offering prayers and performing aartis and puja. "This is not only a place of worship but a landmark that also portrays India's culture," Sunak said. The temple authorities gifted them a marble elephant, a marble peacock and a special replica of the Akshardham temple.

Sukhu only Cong CM at Prez dinner

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu was the only CM from the Congress-ruled states to attend the dinner hosted by President Droupadi Murmu for G20 leaders on Saturday. He took the opportunity to request Prime Minister Narendra Modi to declare the rain-caused calamity in the hill state a "national disaster". An official statement said Sukhu has conveyed the gravity of the damage suffered by Himachal Pradesh during the monsoon to the PM and also told him that the state requires substantial assistance in the form of a special relief package from the Union government to chart a path towards recovery. Sukhu had earlier said that Himachal Pradesh had suffered losses to the tune of ₹12,000 crore due to rain-related incidents.

POWER GAMES

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Message from Mandapam

INDIA SHIELDS RUSSIA, COUNTERS CHINA'S HEGEMONY

The G20 Summit reached a historic consensus on the joint Delhi declaration. One of India's big achievements was getting the Western bloc to avoid condemnation of Russia over its attack on Ukraine. Russia had said it would block a joint G20 resolution that does not reflect its position. Indian diplomats worked hard to evolve a consensus on the draft's language. As a result, Russia was let off with a light rap on the knuckles. China, however, appeared to be at the receiving end for its hegemonistic moves. The announcement of the new economic corridor linking India with West Asia and Europe is a direct challenge to China's ambitious Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), which aims to achieve similar objectives. With the US firmly behind the new corridor, its close ally Italy opted out of China's BRI at the G20. Prime Minister Narendra Modi also helped break the ice between the US and Saudi Arabia by bringing President Joe Biden and Crown Prince Mohammad bin Salman together for an impromptu hug and chat. The Saudi prince had been drifting away from the US. The emerging US-EU-West Asia-India alliance is being watched closely by the China-Russia bloc. Prime Minister Modi made no bones about securing India's interest vis-à-vis the growing Chinese influence in the region by having bilateral meetings with his Bangladesh and Mauritian counterparts. India seeks a closer engagement with Indian Ocean nations and its neighbours to counter China's increasing presence. The cherry on the cake, however, was the bilateral with the US President. The meeting has sent an unmistakable signal of where India stands in the US-China tussle.

Special Session of Parliament

NEW BILLS LIKELY TO MAINTAIN G20, MOON MOMENTUM

All eyes are now on the five-day special session of parliament starting next week. The government has not announced the session's agenda, leading to wild speculations about what surprise Prime Minister Narendra Modi might spring. Sources said the One Nation One Poll bill is unlikely in the special session. But a beginning could be made with the Election Commission of India deciding to put off elections in the five states and advance elections in five other states whose term would expire next year and hold all ten state elections along with that of Lok Sabha next year. Andhra Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, Haryana, Maharashtra and Odisha are due for elections next year. Sources said the Election Commission's extraordinary powers under Article 324 of the Constitution are being examined for pushing back the December elections. The Prime Minister may use the special session to compliment his government on the successful moon mission and the G20 summit, sources said it is highly unlikely that he would rest on his laurels and not take steps to keep the momentum going till the likely inauguration of the Ram temple at Ayodhya early next year. The government may, therefore, push the implementation of women's reservation, bring in the Uniform Civil Code, and even decide to drop the name India from the Constitution.

CHINA HAS BORDER DISPUTES NOT ONLY WITH US BUT MANY OTHERS. IT HAS LAND BORDERS WITH FOURTEEN COUNTRIES. EVEN THOUGH IT SETTLED ALL THE BORDER DISPUTES EXCEPT WITH INDIA AND BHUTAN, IT STILL CONTINUES TO CHAFE THAT ITS LANDS CONTINUE TO BE UNDER ILLEGAL OCCUPATION BY THESE COUNTRIES

THE NEW MAP OF BORDERS AND AREAS AROUND CHINA

OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

CHINA has once again released, a few days back, a land-border map targeting our sovereignty and integrity. It has claimed our Ladakh in the north and Arunachal Pradesh in the east as its own. There are two exaggerated lies with this narrative.

Firstly, there has never been a land border between India and China. The two countries that act as buffers between us and China are Tibet and East Turkestan. The Great Ranges of Karakoram and the Himalayas divide us and Tibet and East Turkestan.

Secondly, Tibet and East Turkestan do not belong to China. They have been independent states, which China aggressed and occupied in the previous century.

The Indian province of Gilgit-Baltistan, a part of Jammu & Kashmir, under Pakistani occupation, is now located north of our Kashmir Valley. The region to its east is what is called as 'Xinjiang' by China but known otherwise as East Turkestan. The Red Chinese army attacked it in c. 1949. Tibet is located south of this state. Tibet emerged as a strong State which defeated China for two centuries but became a vassal now and then after that (like present-day Vietnam, North & South Koreas), and which was (and continues to be) the spiritual capital of the Mongols who defeated China and ruled over it, was captured by the Chinese Army after killing thousands of Buddhist monks in c. 1951. Dalai Lama, the spiritual and temporal head of Tibet, escaped from the Tibetan capital, Lhasa, in March 1959 and took asylum in India, where he has lived since then with his followers and a Tibetan Government in exile.

Tibetans emerged as a great force in 7 CE. The Chinese Tang Dynasty initially took no notice of them. Tang realised the grave danger when the Tibetans easily captured Chinese territories in the west and the north. Realizing that it is impossible to fight the Tibetans in the Tibet plateau, located at an average of 16000 feet, which is true even today, the Chinese decided to enter into a peace treaty with the Tibetans by paying vassalage and marrying off their princesses to Tibetan Kings.

Ladakh, which is part of our Jammu & Kashmir, is situated between Tibet and East Turkestan states. China is interested in Ladakh because neither Tibet nor East Turkestan have fully integrated with Mainland China, and there are continuing separatist movements in these two places. Other reasons are the invaluable water resources (great rivers like the Indus, Brahmaputra, Mekong, Salween, and Irrawaddy originate in Tibet; the innumerable glaciers make Tibet the third Pole after the North and the South Poles) and the availability of other natural resources (metals, oil and gas). Therefore, China has unleashed suppression to keep its control there. It built a highway (G-219) to link these two disturbed places through the Aksai-Chin part of Ladakh without our permission as early as c. 1953, even when India-China relations were good. As the relationship deteriorated in c. 1962, it occupied even more of Ladakh. At every opportunity, it incrementally occupies our land there. This is known as salami-slicing. As part of this approach, it entered into an agreement t with Pakistan in c. 1963 and took over our Shaksgam Valley in Gilgit, an area of 5000 sq. km. for its security needs. It continues to aggress our Ladakh. The May 2020 attacks by China at Galwan, Depsang, Pangong Tso and Demchok were part of this strategy.

Tibet is a very vast and aggressed part of China. It alone constitutes one-eighth of the entire land mass of China. Like East Turkestan, it was aggressed and occupied 70 years ago. As we have already seen, its natural resources, like water, which can satisfy one-fourth of the entire water needs of China, are badly needed by China. China can dominate several lower-riparian states by becoming the upper riparian of those big rivers mentioned earlier. These reasons prompted China to occupy Tibet.

In 8 CE, the Abbassid army sent by the Caliph of Baghdad established Islam in China's north-west, where the Turkic people lived in East Turkestan. Uyghurs, as we know them today, speak Turkish and came from Central Asia. Even though the Qing Emperor captured East Turkestan in the 18th century, his rule in this faraway peripheral land of the Chinese Empire was tenuous. East Turkestan was functioning as an independent state in the early 20th century. After the Communist party took power in China on October 1, 1949, it integrated the peripheral lands such as Yunnan, Tibet, East Turkestan, Mongolia and Manchuria more tightly with the Mainland by aggressing them. Only in c. 1955 East Turkestan was fully integrated, when its name was changed to Sinkiang. The Uyghurs have ever since opposed Chinese rule.

Therefore, in the accompanying map, all these areas have been shown as independent states but under occupation by China.

China has border disputes not only with us but with many others. It has land borders with fourteen countries. Even though it settled all the border disputes (except with India and Bhutan) by the 1990s, it continues to chafe that its lands continue to be under illegal occupation by these countries. For example, it claims the entire Siberia of its closest ally, Russia.

Apart from land border disputes, China has maritime boundary disputes with all its maritime neighbours. It claims Indonesia's Natuna Sea, which is 1500 nautical miles from the nearest Chinese shore, as its own. Historically, China never had a name for itself. Only others call it China. Similarly, China used to notify the seas around it as the East Sea and South Sea. It was the Portuguese who, in the 16th century, renamed the South Sea as 'South China Sea'. That stuck. Because of that name, China wants to assume total control of that sea by randomly marking nine dashes and claiming possession of that waterway. It uses its powerful Navy, Coast Guard and the unofficial Maritime Militia to enforce its control over other littorals. It has occupied islands, converted reefs into islands, stationed its Navy in these places and built missile launchers and radars. It has junked the 2016 -Award of the UN Arbitral Tribunal under the UN's UNCLOS.

While so, India has influenced this region for over 2000 years in many ways.

Without wars and aggression, India had influenced many Empires that flourished richly in this region through its religion, language, literature, epics, science, sea trade, unique products, and diplomacy. Particular examples of such great Empires are Funan in the Mekong delta of South Vietnam and Cambodia between 1 and 6 CE, the Champa in Central Vietnam between 2 and 18 CE, the Sri Wijaya of Sumatra between 7 and 12 CE, and the Majapahit in neighbouring Java between 13 and 16 CE. These thalassocracies reigned this area for 2000 years as anchors of sea trade and culture. They functioned based on the Hindu and Buddhist precepts, Sanskrit as lingua franca, the Indian Luni-Solar calendar, the 'Chakrvartin' concept of rulership, Indian philosophical thoughts, architecture, and town planning. The Indian influence extended up to today's Papua-New Guinea in the Pacific Ocean. The Indian ports were natural trans-shipment points for traders from the west and the east. The ocean-sailing Indian dhows traded between the Chinese seas and the Indian provinces known today as Bengal, Orissa, Tamilnadu, Kerala, Maharashtra and Gujarat. As Indian sailors were experts in predicting monsoon and trade winds, the sea trade prospered.

On the contrary, only in the 10th CE did the Song Empire allow the Chinese to trade across far seas. But this stopped when the Song Empire fell in the early 12th CE. Even though the Ming Empire allowed Chinese traders to cross oceans once again in the 15th CE, it did not continue for long. The French archaeologists who explored these areas from the 18th CE, aptly named them 'Indo-Chine' because of the deep and wide Indian influence. The aggressive and coercive behaviour of China now demands that this area be referred to as 'Indo-China'.

The sea around Vietnam had been known for a long time as the 'Champa Sea'. The Filipinos have always referred to the sea to their west as the 'West Philippines Sea'. The remainder of the sea must, therefore, for the reasons above, be rightly renamed as the 'Indo-China Sea'. India and China have equally influenced this region for over 2000 years. This should also be a lesson taught to China, which wants to do cartographic aggression by renaming places and then claiming possession of these renamed places.

The accompanying map reflects the changed names for these reasons.

(Inputs from Chennai Centre for China Studies)

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GO GREEN

The Himachal Pradesh government on Sunday said it would develop two Gram Panchayats each in all 12 districts of the state as 'Green Panchayats' on a pilot basis by setting up solar power projects.

8 CATTLE — SMUGGLERS ARRESTED IN UP WITHIN 2 DAYS

INDIA	Max	Min		Max	Min
Ahmedabad	37	27	Mumbai	33	27
Bhopal	30	24	Panaji	30	27
Jaipur	35	27	Patna	35	29
Amritsar	35	27	Lucknow	30	25
Chennai	34	27	Port Blair	30	27
Kolkata	34	28	Imphal	30	22
Srinagar	33	15	Chandigarh	32	24

Central policies benefit rich: Priyanka

Congress general secretary hits out at BJP at a rally at Tonk in election-bound Rajasthan

RAJESH ASNANI @ Jaipur

CM Ashok Gehlot felicitates Priyanka Gandhi at a rally in Tonk on Sunday | PTI

CONGRESS general secretary Priyanka Gandhi on Sunday launched a scathing attack on the BJP-led government at the Centre, alleging the ruling party's policies were created to benefit the rich.

Addressing a public meeting in the Niwai assembly constituency of Rajasthan's Tonk district, Priyanka accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi of "making deals abroad for his industrialist friends."

This was Priyanka's first meeting in poll-bound Rajasthan and her first independent public meeting in the state. She inaugurated the Indira Rasoi Yojana Gramin (rural), a flagship scheme of the Ashok Gehlot government to provide nutritious meals for just Rs 8 to the needy people.

Chief Minister Ashok Gehlot and Sachin Pilot shared the dais. Priyanka began with extending greetings in the Rajasthani language, saying, "Ram-Ram." The Congress leader was combative against the BJP-ruled Centre over a range of issues such as rising prices, unemployment and inflation. She also criticized PM Modi's self-proclaimed identity as the "son of the soil even as he travels in expensive convoys that cost crores of rupees."

"The benefits provided by the Rajasthan government through its schemes are people's rights. But why has inflation skyrocketed in the country?" she asked. "Though oil companies have raked in massive profits, why are petrol and diesel so expensive in the country? People need to raise their voice against it," she said.

The Congress leader accused PM Modi of making deals abroad for his industrialist friends. "BJP policies are only aimed at promoting the rich. They have nothing for the poor and middle class."

"Many people's homes were destroyed in heavy rains in Himachal Pradesh. Our government is trying to assist the affected, but what did the Prime Minister's friend, Adani ji, do? He reduced the prices of apples. When people went to buy cement to rebuild their houses, he increased its prices."

She also commented on the freak rains in the national Capital in the middle of the G20 summit, saying the rains left the Bharat Mandapam area waterlogged. "It is a divine signal to the government to behave," she said. Gandhi also strongly criticised the Centre on the Eastern Rajasthan Canal Project (ERCP), saying, "The Centre is not sincerely addressing people's concerns, burdening the state," she said.

PULLING NO PUNCHES

ON INFLATION: BJP's policies favour the rich. Where was the PM when you were grappling with inflation? Why has inflation skyrocketed? States are setting up relief camps to combat inflation

FUEL PRICES: Oil companies are raking in massive profits in India. Why are petrol and diesel so expensive?

CRONYISM: PM is making deals abroad for industrialist friends. BJP has nothing for the poor and the middle class

COSTLY CONVOYS: PM Modi's self-proclaimed identity as the 'son of the soil' inconsistent with his expensive convoys that cost crores of rupees

MEAL AT ₹8

PRIYANKA GANDHI INAUGURATED THE INDIRA RASOI YOJANA GRAMIN (RURAL), A FLAGSHIP SCHEME OF GEHLOT GOVERNMENT, TO PROVIDE NUTRITIOUS FULL MEAL AT ₹8

Seat-sharing talks may prove tricky for Grand Alliance

RAMASHANKAR @ Patna

The Bihar Grand Alliance (mahagathbandhan) is likely to face the problem of plenty in terms of the number of parties constituting it.

At least three out of six parties have already started staking their claim to an 'adequate' number of seats for the 2024 Lok Sabha election.

Lalu Prasad's RJD, a major ally in the alliance, has begun meetings with MLAs, former MLAs, and all contestants of the 2020 assembly polls for feedback.

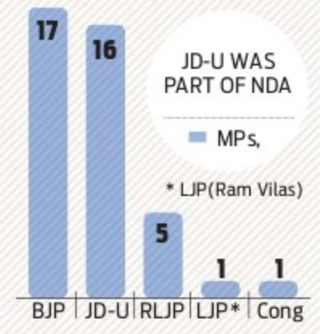
State party chief Jagadanand Singh presided over Sunday's meeting, which was attended by deputy chief minister Tejashwi Yadav. The party plans to conclude such confabulations on Monday.

Bihar Congress chief Akhilesh Prasad Singh said his party would contest at least 9 LS seats like it did in the 2019 election. Congress was the lone party among the alliance partners to win a seat in the election. CPI(M-L) and even CPI which have 12 and two MLAs in the 243-member assembly have also indicated that they may toughen their stand on their share of seats. Congress has 19 MLAs in the state assembly.

Besides RJD, the Bihar grand alliance comprises JD-U, Congress, CPI(M-L), CPI and the CPM.

Bihar party position in 2019

40 LOK SABHA SEATS



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Jatayu cruise to sail through Saryu

Adding glitter to the glory of Ayodhya, the UP government launched a cruise service in river Saryu last week. The cruise ship, which can accommodate around 70 passengers at a time, will complete its voyage in around one-and-half to two hours. Named 'Jatayu', the cruise will cover a total distance of 18 km in the river. Making four trips in a day, it will embark on first trip at around 4.30 am and end at 6.30 am; the second will be from 11 am to 1 pm; the third from 4 pm to 6 pm and the last trip from 6 pm to 8 pm. The air-conditioned, two-floored cruise is 45-feet-long and 15-feet-wide. Passengers will be shown a short film on Lord Ram and Ayodhya.

Ex-deputy CM Dinesh Sharma back in politics

Former deputy chief minister Dinesh Sharma, whose name is synonymous with Lucknow as he has been the first citizen of the City of Nawabs, is back in the political reckoning. He was declared elected unopposed to the Rajya Sabha from Uttar Pradesh on Friday. Sharma, an academician par excellence, is a Lucknow University professor and a prominent Brahmin face of the BJP in the state. He was dropped from the Yogi cabinet when the BJP returned to power after 2022 assembly polls. The by-poll to Rajya Sabha was necessitated by the death of Hardwar Dubey, a BJP MP.

Global show on MSME during Sept 21-25

The UP government is set to organise a mega trade show — UP International Trade Show, 2023 — from September 21 to 25 by putting up startups, industries, micro, small and medium enterprises (MSME) and local crafts on the display to reach international buyers and get a global recognition. Over 2,000 exhibitors from across Uttar Pradesh will showcase their products in this show that will be organised in Greater Noida. The event aims at not only showcasing the state's traditional crafts but also bring new entrepreneurial products to global buyers. Health and wellness sector would also be highlighted in the trade show.

Alert railway employee averts train accident

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

AN alert Railways employee on Sunday prevented a train accident by timely red-flagging a massive rain cut (soil erosion) under the tracks at the Madhya Pradesh-Rajasthan border witnessing heavy rainfall.

At around 6:11 a.m. Rajendra Kumar, working with the civil engineering and track maintenance section, spotted the rain cut under the tracks between Hetampur and Dholpur railway stations on the Delhi-Chennai route, North Central Railway (Jhansi Division) official spokesperson Manoj Singh told this newspaper.

Delhi-bound (12627) Bengaluru City-Hazrat Nizamuddin Karnataka Express, which was just a few hundred meters away from the site at that time, was red-flagged and immediately stopped by the authorities who were informed by Kumar. A rake was immediately pressed into service to repair the site and it took over four hours and forty minutes to normalise the traffic.

"While one short-distance train connecting Agra and Jhansi was short-terminated at Gwalior, three to four other trains were diverted," the spokesperson said.

In August 2015, more than 30 lives were killed in a twin rain mishap due to heavy rainfall.

Actions of Central forces 'unwanted', Manipur govt to take it up with Delhi

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Guwahati

THE Manipur government will apprise the Centre about Friday's "unwanted actions" of central security forces in the Tengnoupal district in which three persons were killed and several others injured.

A decision on this was taken at a meeting of the state cabinet, chaired by Chief Minister N Biren Singh, on Saturday evening. "The Cabinet...condemned the unwanted actions of the Central security forces to civilians. The Cabinet also resolved to apprise about the incident to the Centre," a statement said.

Manipur Police earlier stated the security forces had used "minimum force". "In a calibrated response in self-defense and to control the unruly mob, security forces used minimum force to disperse the mob that led to injuries to a few persons who were part of the mob (and) out of which two reportedly died," the police had said in a statement on Friday evening.

One more person reportedly died of injuries the next day. Narrating the incident, police said a gunbattle had erupted that morning between security forces and armed miscreants who attempted to resort to arson and violence.

"Following this incident, crowds of thousands of people attempted to move towards Pallel. However, security forces jointly attempted to stop the mob to ensure peace and stability...Being blocked by security forces, some armed miscreants from within the mob fired at security forces resulting in gunshot injuries to an Army officer," the police statement said.

The injured officer was evacuated to a military hospital by helicopter. Three police personnel were also injured while the crowd was being dispersed. Meanwhile, after the meeting of the cabinet, minister Dr Sapam Ranjan said the cabinet approved the permanent housing scheme for the displaced persons whose houses were burnt down or damaged in the violence that broke out on May 3. According to police reports, altogether 4,806 houses were burned down or destroyed across the state, he said.

Poll time: Chouhan adds power bill sops to Ladli Behana Scheme in MP

EXPRESS NEWS SERVICE @ Bhopal

THE fourth monthly installment under the 'Ladli Behana Scheme' was credited into the bank accounts of 1.31 crore financially weak women by Chief Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan at an event in Gwalior of poll-bound Madhya Pradesh on Sunday.

After transferring Rs 1,269 crore into the accounts of the women under the scheme (six lakh more eligible have been added this month under the scheme), Chouhan also announced ₹450 cooking gas cylinders to the beneficiaries.

Further, the CM announced providing pucca houses under the 'Ladli Behana Awas Yojana' to those left out in the 'Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana'.

The government will pay the increased amount of electricity bills of the eligible women who have received inflated bills. The bills will be reduced to zero by this month and from next month they will get Rs 100 on the electricity consumption of less than one kilowatt.

Moreover, married women between 21 and 23 years of age and those having a tractor at home, will also be included in the Ladli yojana, Chouhan asserted.

From the next year, the chief minister said, ₹25,000 would be deposited in the bank accounts of students who score over 60 per cent marks in Class XII. Two-wheelers will be awarded to the students who get first, second and third rank in Class XII, he added.

The beneficiaries of 'Ladli Behana Scheme' will get ₹1,250 monthly starting from October instead of the earlier ₹1,000. Addressing the event, Union Agriculture Minister Narendra Singh Tomar said Chouhan is sensitive to the empowerment of women and girls, the education of students and making the youths self-reliant.

Under Chouhan's leadership MP has made unprecedented progress, he claimed. Union Civil Aviation Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia said the CM has changed the attitude of parents towards daughters.

The impact of the efforts made for women's empowerment is clearly visible, Scindia added.

MP CM Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Union Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia during a roadshow, in Gwalior on Sunday | PTI

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Jyotiraditya Scindia, Union Civil Aviation Minister

Beacon of hope: With steady rise in tourist flow, 300 hubs planned in J&K

FAYAZ WANI @ Srinagar

WITH the aim of luring more tourists to Jammu and Kashmir, the government is planning to developing 300 new tourist destinations in the picturesque UT to provide a variety of gateway options for domestic and foreign tourists.

"Around 300 new destinations, including heritage sites, offbeat, adventure and spiritual destinations are being developed to provide a variety of gateway options filled with activities, festivals, natural scenery, shopping and B&B (Bed & Breakfast) home stay in picturesque and calm villages," Lt Governor Manjor Sinha said after inaugurating the 'Bangus Adventure Festival' in the border district of Kupwara.

He said several offbeat destinations of J&K are ideal escape for travellers seeking leisure adventures and enchanting experiences.

They offer everything from adventure, exquisite cuisine, pilgrimage and traditional handicraft to serene mountains.

According to officials, after holding of the G20 tourism working group meeting in Srinagar in May this year, there has been an increase in footfall of foreign tourists in Jammu Kashmir.

Today, tourists in record numbers are visiting J&K, the Lt Governor said. He said about 1.58 crore tourists visited J&K this year so far. "It is not just a number, rather it is a new beginning for the region," he added. An all-time high 2.5 million tourists, including 3.65 lakh Amarnath yatris, visited the militancy-hit Kashmir in 2022. It was the highest ever footfall of tourists in Kashmir.

This year, the officials are expecting further increase in the tourist inflow to the Valley due to the drop in militancy violence and considerable improvement in law and order situation. The Lt Governor administration is also mulling to hold a national level tourism summit in the twin capital cities of Srinagar and Jammu. The tourism summit is likely to be held by the end of this year or early 2024.

No restrictions on traffic during VVIP movement

Police have decided to allow civilian traffic during VVIP movement at the Srinagar-Jammu highway while mulling to phase out curbs on public transport during convoy movement due to a drop in militant violence and improvement in ground situation, ADGP Kashmir Vijay Kumar said. The restrictions were imposed in the aftermath of the Pulwama militant suicide attack on a convoy in February 2019 that killed 40 paramilitary personnel. The public and the political parties have been urging officials to ease restrictions for smooth plying of civilian vehicles.

Scripting success story in C'garh tribal villages

EJAZ KAISER @ Raipur

THE challenge to break the nexus between rural life and malnutrition is enormous, particularly in children.

The challenge is exacerbated further in remote villages of Maoist-affected regions. It was not uncommon to find many children suffering from poor nutrition and imbalance of essential nutrients.

But two villages in Chhattisgarh, inspired by kitchen gardens and government campaign on nutritious foods, have been successful in defeating malnutrition.

Two villages Naimed and Komla in the strife-torn Bijapur district, are predominantly populated by tribals.. Naimed and Komla villages have a population of 2,886 and 1,256 respectively.

The villagers were motivated by the Mukhyamantri Suposhan Abhiyan. Anganwadi workers visiting households nurturing backyard garden, where nutritious vegetables/ fruits can be grown, was inspiring too.

The Anganwadi centres also followed the practice of kitchen gardening.Thanks to the consistent efforts, no children in the two villages is said to be malnourished now.

Anganwadi workers visit households to maintain backyard gardens, where nutritious vegetables or fruits can be grown | EXPRESS

Madhuri, a four-year-old girl, was malnourished and weighing just 10.6 kg. She should ideally be around 15 kg, according to doctors. "Villagers were consistently advised by Anganwadi workers on how a good tradition can trounce malnourishment. They also created awareness about Suposhan Abhiyan. My daughter recovered, accessing vital nutrition in her diet even at home," said Khemeshwar Devi, mother of Madhuri.

The essential nutrients every child gets from the backyard kitchen garden are besides egg, millet, chikki and dalia etc served at Anganwadi centre, said Ramdulari, an employed worker.

"Inhabitants of the villages have gained better understanding about the growing vegetables and fruits plants at home to consume good source of nourishment and sustenance as the malnutrition curbing plan," said the district child protection officer Rahul Kaushik. According to Kaushik, since October 2019, after the Mukhyamantri Suposhan Abhiyan was launched, there is a perceptible change in the reduction of malnutrition from then 38 per cent to 18.97 per cent now in Bijapur.

"Not just the kids enrolled in Anganwadi centres but the women have also benefited from the nutrients they get in their diet at home," said Jyoti Patel, a Anganwadi supervisor in Naimed village.

The villagers also get guidance and help from the local horticulture staff and the supply of organic manures from nearby Gauthan (cattle shed premises).

Aftershock adds to panic in Morocco

Fallen rocks block road access to remote mountain villages that saw worst destruction

TAFEGHAGHTE

USING heavy equipment and even their bare hands, rescuers in Morocco on Sunday stepped up efforts to find survivors of a devastating earthquake that killed more than 2,100 people and flattened villages.

The first foreign rescuers flew in to help after the North African country's strongest-ever quake killed at least 2,122 people and injured more than 2,400, many seriously, according to official figures updated late on Sunday.

Those left homeless — or fearing more aftershocks — slept outside Saturday, in the streets of the ancient city of Marrakech or under makeshift canopies in Atlas Mountain towns. The worst destruction was in small, rural communities that were hard for rescuers to reach because the roads that snake up the mountainous terrain were covered by fallen rocks.

In Moulay Brahim, a village of fewer than 3,000 people, the ground shook with a force few had ever felt, thundering through the remote Moroccan village in the dark of night.

When the earthquake was over late Friday, the town carved into the Atlas Mountains lay in devastation, with possibly dozens dead, scores of homes crumpled, and walls reduced to rubble.

A man carries a boy as he walks past destroyed houses in the mountain village of Tafeghaghte

Soon crews were listening for desperate sounds of life within the ruins of Moulay Brahim.

Moulay Brahim attracted tourists and outdoor enthusiasts with its stunning vistas and proximity to Marrakech. Streets brimmed with small hotels and cafes overlooking gorges and green valleys.

But after the 6.8-magnitude earthquake, the scene in the village is bleak. People in the poor rural community about 45 kilometers northeast of the quake epicenter live in homes made of clay brick and cinder block, many of which are no longer standing or safe to inhabit. Fallen walls exposed the innards of damaged homes, their rubble sliding down hills.

"We felt a huge shake like it was doomsday," resident Ayoub Toudite said.

Others, like 19-year-old student Abdelfattah El Akari, said the quake felt much longer, seeming to go on more than a minute. "The ground moved and homes cracked," he said.

Chaos and terror followed as frightened villagers sought safety in the streets. When they returned to their neighbourhoods, some used bare hands to clear debris and start pulling out bodies, one after another. People gathered and cried outside a community health center as news trickled in of more deaths. *Agencies*

Ranil orders fresh probe into 2019 Easter bombings

COLOMBO

SRI Lankan President Ranil Wickremesinghe on Sunday announced that he will appoint a probe panel to investigate the allegations made by a British channel on the 2019 Easter terror attacks by an Islamist extremist group on churches and posh hotels that killed 270, including 11 Indians.

UK's Channel 4 television station on Tuesday aired a documentary titled *Sri Lanka's Easter Bombings Dispatches* alleging the involvement and complicity of certain government officials, including intelligence service chief Major General Suresh Sallay, in orchestrating the 2019 Easter suicide bombings. It called the attacks a "crafted act' aimed at forcing a political change in favour of the Rajapaksa brothers. On Sunday, an official statement said a committee chaired by a retired Supreme Court judge would be appointed to inquire into the allegations that accused the country's intelligence chief of plotting the 2019 Easter bombings.

Wickremesinghe also pledged to appoint a parliamentary select committee to investigate allegations levelled by a former Attorney General that the whole attack was a conspiracy and there was a mastermind behind the attacks. The two reports would then be presented in parliament for final action.

Sri Lanka's Defence Ministry on Saturday defended the country's intelligence chief, saying it 'vehemently denounces the accusation of orchestrating the attack and assisting the bombers against a dedicated senior military officer who has served the nation for 36 years.' *PTI*

ID CARD LOSS

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Research Coordinator

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the General public that, my client **MR. MAHESH MAKHIJA & MRS. VEENA SRINIVASAN** intends to purchase the schedule property from its owner **M/S. JACARANDA ESTATES PVT. LTD.**, represented by its Director Mr. Basant Poddar, office at No.300/1B, 16th Cross, Sadashivanagar, Bangalore-560080. If any person/s have any manner of lawful right, Interest or charge or lien over the schedule property, they are hereby requested to file their objection/s in writing along with photocopies of the documents on which they are relaying, to the proposed sale transaction with the undersigned within seven days of this public notice. Objection received thereafter will not be binding on my client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All the piece and parcels of Residential **Apartment No.3** with Municipal No.12/6-2, PID No.99-39-12/6-2 on the second floor (Topmost Floor) of the building known as **"Mittal Park View"** with a super built-up area of 3500 sqft which includes one servant room in the stilt floor and share of common area and exclusive right to own and use of the Terrace area of approximately 3000 sqft on the terrace floor (above the top most floor), two closed car parking space in stilt area of the building and undivided share measuring 2114 sqft, in the property bearing municipal No.94-G, (old) 12/6, situated in Ward No.99, Aramanenagar Ward, 9th Cross Road, Raj Mahal Vilas Extension, Sadhashivanagar, Bangalore-560080, measuring East to West 90 feet and North to South 60 feet, totally measuring 5400 sq.feet

Mr. BIPIN HEGDE, Advocate
No.11, 2nd Floor, Jeevan Building, K.P. East, Bangalore-560001, M: **9844024631**
Date: 11/09/2023

FORM NO. 14: [See Regulation 33(2)]
By Regd. A/D, Dasti failing which by Publication.

DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BENGALURU
BSNL Building , 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore-560001

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS DUE TO BANKS AND FINANCIAL INSTITUTIONS ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.

RC 85/2021 25/02/2021

Canara Bank, SME Peenya Branch, Rotary Udyog Bhavan, No. 473d(7), 13th Cross, 4th Phase, Peenya 2nd Stage, Bengaluru - 560 058 ...Certificate Holder

Versus

SMP Labels And Others

1) SMP Labels, A Partnership Firm, Represented by its Partners Sri. Prabhakara S. And Sri. Manjunath S, No. 7, 7/2 Balajinagar, Uttarahalli Main Road, Subramanyapura Post, Bengaluru - 560 061.
2) Sri. Prabhakar S, Partner of SMP Lables, S/o. Sri. Byranna Siddappa,
Res at: No. 74, Balaji Layout, Vajarahalli, Kanakapura Main Road, Bengaluru - 560 062.
3) Sri. Manjunath S, Partner of SMP Lables, S/o. Sri. Byranna Siddappa,
Res at: No. 74, Balaji Layout, Vajarahalli, Kanakapura Main Road, Bengaluru - 560 062.
...Certificate Debtor

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BENGALURU (DRT-1) in **OA/291/2019** an amount of **Rs 2,46,45,480.00 (Rupees Two Crore Forty Six Lakhs Forty Five Thousands Four Hundred Eighty Only)** along with pendentelite and future interest and costs till realization. 2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under. 3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing. 5. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:
(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate/execution proceedings.
(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this **date: 25/02/2021**

Sd/- RECOVERY OFFICER-I
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL, BENGALURU (DRT 1)

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below: **"Rule 16(1)** where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. 2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment".

FORM NO. 14: [See Regulation 33(2)]
By Regd. A/D, Dasti failing which by Publication.

OFFICE OF THE RECOVERY OFFICER - II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT 1)
BSNL Building , 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore -560001

DEMAND NOTICE

NOTICE UNDER SECTIONS 25 TO 28 OF THE RECOVERY OF DEBTS & BANKRUPTCY ACT, 1993 AND RULE 2 OF SECOND SCHEDULE TO THE INCOME TAX ACT, 1961.

RC/374/2022 28-12-2022

CANARA BANK
Versus
M/S SRI JAYALAKSHMI ENTERRPRISES.

In the Matter of:
(CH-1) Canara Bank (Erstwhile Synidcate Bank) Rajajinagar Branch, Ramamandira Road, 3rd Block, Rajajinagar, Bengaluru - 560 010.
...APPLICANT BANK/CERTIFICATE HOLDER

------Versus------

To,
CD-1) M/s. Sri Jayalakshmi Enterrprises, A Proprietary Concern, Carrying on Bussiness at : No. 7/4, 5th Cross, Lalbagh Fort Road, Doddamavalli, Bengaluru - 560 004. Represented by its Proprietrix: Smt.N.Jayalakshmi W/o.Sri R. Neelamegham Defendant No.2 Herein
(CD-2) Smt, N.Jayalakshmi, W/o.Sri R Neelamegam, Presently Resididng at: No.B-1405, Mantri Green Apartment, Sampige Road Near Mantri Mall, Malleswaram, Bengaluru - 560 003
(CD-3) Sri.R.Neelamegham, S/o.Sri.P.Ramaswamy, Presently Residing at No. B-1405, Mantri Green Apartment, Sampige Road, Near Mantri Mall, Malleswaram, Bengaluru - 560 003.
(CD-4) Sri.N.Karthikeyan, S/o.Sri.R.Neelamegham, Presently Residing at: No.B-1405, Mantri Green Apartment, Sampige Road, Near Mantri Mall, Malleswaram, Bengaluru - 560 003.
...DEFENDANTS/CERTIFICATE DEBTORS

This is to notify that as per the Recovery Certificate issued in pursuance of orders passed by the Presiding Officer, DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BENGALURU (DRT-1) in **OA/1463/2020** an amount of **Rs.4,84,22,738.69 (Rupees Four Crore Eighty Four Lakhs Twenty Two Thousands Seven Hundred Thirty Eight And Paise Sixty Nine Only)** along with pendentellite and future interest @ 10.95 % Compound Interest Monthly w.e.f. **08/12/2020** till realization and costs of **Rs 21,6055 (Rupees Two Lakh Sixteen Thousands Fifty Five Only)** has become due against you (Jointly and severally/ Fully/Limited). 2. You are hereby directed to pay the above sum within 15 days of the receipts of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made in accordance with the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 and Rules there under. 3. You are hereby ordered to declare on an affidavit the particulars of yours assets on or before the next date of hearing. 4. In addition to the sum aforesaid, you will also be liable to pay:
(a) Such interests as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the certificate/execution proceedings.
(b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and warrants and other processes and all other proceedings taken for recovering the amount due.
Given under my hand and the seal of the Tribunal, on this **date: 28th DECEMBER 2022.**

Sd/- Recovery Officer -II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL BANGALORE (DRT I)

IN THE COURT OF THE XVII ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSION JUDGE [CCH-16] AT BENGALURU

FDP No. 5/2023
PAPER PUBLICATION

Between : Smt. Kamalamma .C D/o Late Chikkagangappa, aged about 81 years, R/at No.113, UBMEC Layout, 12th Cross, 3rd phase Peenya, Bengaluru-560058. ...Petitioner

And: 1. Sri. N.G. Ramaprasad S/o Late Chikkagangappa, aged about 79 years, R/at No.81, I R Block Rajajinagara Bengaluru-560010.

SUMMONS TO RESPONDENT No.2

2. Sri. Akash K.C, S/o Chikkappaiah aged about 45 years R/at Plot No. 106 Aditya Park Kashinagar Mn. Rd. Amruthahalli, Byatarayanapura, Bengaluru-560092.
...Respondent

Whereas, the Plaintiff has instituted the above suit against the Respondent No.1 & 2 for Partition of 1/2 share in the suit schedule property and deliver separate possession along with metes and bounds of the suit schedule property. You are hereby summoned to appear in the court in person or by an Advocate **on the 29.09.2023 at 11.00 AM.** otherwise the case will be heard and determined in your absence as an ex-parte.

Take notice that in default of your appearance on the day aforementioned the matter will be heard and determined in your absence.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of agricultural land bearing Sy.No. 42/1 measuring to an extent of 0.21 guntas situated at Kempalinganahalli Village, Kasaba Hobali, Nelamangala Taluk, Bangalore Rural Dist., Bounded on:

East By : Private property,
West by : Property of Huchharangaiah,
North By : Property of N M. Rangaiah,
South By : Property of Doddamuniyappa.

Given under my hand and seal of the court on this 21.08.2023.

By Order of the Court, Assistant Registrar, City Civil Court, Bengaluru.
Advocate for Petitioner :
B.A. LAZAR & D.K. GANGARAJU
Advocates & Consultants
No.240, 9th Cross, 1st Main Road, Maruthinagara, Yelahanka, Bangalore-560064. Mob: 9448502908

PUBLIC NOTICE

FOR PURCHASE OF PROPERTY

NOTICE is hereby given that **Mrs. Hemalatha Bathina** is willing to sell the schedule property in favour of my Clients **Mr. Prashant Kumar and Mrs. Sonal Srishti** free from all encumbrances. Any person having any right, title, interest, claim or demand of any nature whatsoever in respect of the said property, is hereby required to make the same known in writing along with the documentary proof thereof, to the below mentioned his Counsel Mr. RADESH.K, Office at Third Floor, Above Favara Car World, SMN Complex, Whitefield Main Road, Thubarahalli, Bangalore. within 07 days from the date of publication hereof, failing which the negotiations shall be completed, without any reference to such claims and the claims if any, shall be deemed to have been given up or waived.

SCHEDULE:

All that piece and parcel of the Three Bedrooms Residential Apartment bearing Flat No: A-308 in Third Floor, measuring 1357 Square Feet of super built up area along with One covered car parking space and 529 Square Feet of Undivided share in the Project known as known as "ROYAL ORCHID", Constructed on the Property bearing BBMP Khata SI No: 1441, Sy.No: 196/3, Municipal No: 57, measuring 1 Acre 2.08 Guntas, Situated at Varthur Village, Varthur Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk.

Contact : **Mr. RADESH BE,** LL.B, LL.M
Director - MKM Legal Solutions Pvt Ltd.
e-mail id : radesh@mkmlegalsolutions
Contact No: +91 8260551103

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the general public that my client Sri. Nafees Humayun, S/o Late A. M. Rahmat, residing at No.64/11, 36th 'A' Cross, 9th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru-560069, has lost the original documents mentioned below pertaining to the immovable property owned by him which is more fully described in the schedule herein below and herein after referred to as the '**SCHEDULE PROPERTY**'.

My client had lodged a complaint in this regard vide Lost Report No.0718143/2023 dated 07/09/2023. Any persons in possession of the aforesaid original documents shall return the same to the undersigned **within 7 days** from the date of this notice.

List of the original documents lost

1. Letter of Allotment issued by The Bank Officers and Official's House Building Co-operative Society Limited, to Smt. U. K. Prabha Rao.
2. Possession Certificate dated 30/01/1989 issued by The Bank Officers and Official's House Building Co-operative Society Limited, to Smt. U. K. Prabha Rao.
3. General Power of Attorney executed by Smt. U. K. Prabha Rao, in favour of Sri. Hejamadi Srinivasan.
4. Sale Deed dated 27/01/1989 (Deed No.3820/1988-89, pages 37-39, volume 1229 of Book I, dated 30/01/1989, in the office of the Sub-Registrar. Jayanagar, Bangalore City) executed by The Bank Officers & Official's House Building Co-operative Society Limited in favour of Smt. U. K. Prabha Rao.

SCHEDULE OF PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the property bearing No.55, measuring East to West 60 feet and North to South 40 feet, totally measuring 2400 square feet, in the layout formed by The Bank Officers and Official's House Building Co-operative Society Limited with the approval of the BDA, situated at Madivala Village, Begur Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, presently bearing PID No.65-54-55 and included in Ward No.176-BTM Layout of the BBMP and bounded on the:

East by : Road, West by : Site No. 43, North by: Site No.56, South by : Site No.54

Sd/- **B. NARENDRA BALIGA,** Advocate No.468/21, 1st Floor, 26th Main, 39th Cross, 9th Block, Jayanagar, Bengaluru - 560069. Mobile: 98459 52566
Place: Bengaluru Date: 09/09/2023

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to notify the General Public that my client/s is / are intending to purchase the below mentioned Schedule Property from i) Mr. Kishan D Vassanani, S/o. Dingoomal N Vassanani and Mrs. Rani K Vassanani W/o. Kishan D Vassanani, who have represented that i) they are the absolute joint owners in joint peaceful possession of the Schedule Property and that they having acquired UDS through a Regd Sale Deed dated 27.07.1990 executed by M/s S N S Lavina, who inturn had acquired the title over the said property through a Regd Sale Deed dated 05.09.1986, followed by which, they got a Flat bearing No. 12 at 2nd Floor in the said property constructed through M/s.S N S Builders; ii) except them, no other person/s have got any right, interest or title, etc., in and over the Schedule property; iii) that the Schedule Property is free from all encumbrances, charges and that there is no lis or court dispute over the said property nor there are any attachment, acquisition or rival claims from any person/s including from any of the family members, Banks or any Statutory Authorities over the Schedule property; and iv) that there is no legal impediment to them to sell the Schedule property to my client/s.

Based upon the aforesaid representations and assurances, my client/s desires to purchase the Schedule property from the aforesaid person for bonafide use and occupation. Any person/s objecting for sale or asserting any claim, right, title, interest in and over the Schedule Property or any part thereof, in any manner, may put forth his/their claim/s in writing to the undersigned **within 10 days** from the date of publication of this notice together with documentary proof, after which period, my client/s shall proceed accordingly. Note that if no claims or objections are received in time, then my client/s shall proceed with the execution of the sale deed on the basis that there are no subsisting claim or right over the schedule property from any person/s.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

All that piece and parcel of the Immoveable Residential Flat bearing No. 12 having separate Municipal No. 35/11 and PID No. 91-63-35/11 situated in the 2nd Floor of the Apartment building known as 'SNS Palace', presently known as '**Avenue Court**', constructed in the Property bearing No. 35 (Old Composite Nos. 35, 36 and 36/1), Meanee Avenue Court, Bangalore – 560 042, which flat is having 2450 Sq feet of Super Built up Area with 1065.53 Sq feet of Undivided share in the land, together with 2 Car parking space in the Basement floor of the building and the entire property is bounded on :-

East by : Private Property
West by : Meanee Avenue Road,
North by : Private Property.
South by : Private Property.

IMRAN PASHA, Advocate
No. 105, 1st Floor, 'MONEY POINT', K. H. Double Road, BANGALORE-27. Cel No. 98450 38298

FORM NO.14 [See Regulation 33 (2)]

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1-BENGALURU
BSNL Building , 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore-560001

DRC NO: 326/2019

Syndicate Bank, At No.15/28, KHB Colony, Havanur Complex, 1st Floor, Basaweshwaranagar Branch, Bengaluru-560 079. ...Certificate Holder

Versus

Sri. Mahendra Kumar & Another ...Certificate Debtor(s)

DEMAND NOTICE

To
1. Sri. Mahendra Kumar S/o. Sri. Sajjanraj Jain, Proprietor: Mahaveer Graphics, No.151/1, II Main, 7th Cross, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru - 560 018.
2. Smt. Madhu W/o. Mahendra Kumar, Proprietor: Mahaveer Enterprises, No.151/1, II Main, 7th Cross, Chamarajpet, Bengaluru-560 018.

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **OA No.1677/2016** passed by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bengaluru on **31/05/2019** an amount of **Rs. 54,38,254/- (Rupees Fifty Four Lakh Thirty Eight Thousand Two Hundred and Fifty Four Only)** is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A.s till realization. You are hereby called upon to deposit the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.
In additions to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay:
a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings.
b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this **12th day of July, 2019.**

Sd/- RECOVERY OFFICER-II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-I, BENGALURU

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below: **"Rule 16(1)** where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. 2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment".

FORM NO.14 [See Regulation 33 (2)]

GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL-1-BENGALURU
BSNL Building , 4th Floor, Telephone House, Rajbhavan Road, Bangalore-560001

DRC NO: 822/2019

Canara Bank, Specialized SME Branch, Peenya, Bengaluru - 560 058. ...Certificate Holder

Versus

Peacock Trends & Another ...Certificate Debtor(s)

DEMAND NOTICE

To
1. Peacock Trends, A Proprietorship Concern, No.105, Andhrahalli Main Road, Peenya 2nd Stage, Byraveshwara Industrial Estate, Bengaluru - 560 091. Represented by its Proprietor: Mrs. Saroja.H.
2. Mrs. Saroja.H. W/o. Sri. Nataraj, No.30/22, 22nd Main Road, Srinivasanagar, Nandini Layout, Bengaluru-560 096.

In view of the Recovery Certificate issued in **OA No.321/2017** passed by the Hon'ble Presiding Officer, DRT, Bengaluru on **16/08/2019** an amount of **Rs. 13,26,523/- (Rupees Thirteen Lakh Twenty Six Thousand Five Hundred and Twenty Three Only)** is due against you along with interest and costs from date of filing of O.A.s till realization.
You are hereby called upon to deposit the above sum within 15 days of the receipt of the notice, failing which the recovery shall be made as per rules.
In additions to the sum aforesaid you will be liable to pay:
a) Such interest as is payable for the period commencing immediately after this notice of the execution proceedings.
b) All costs, charges and expenses incurred in respect of the service of this notice and other process that may be taken for recovering the amount due.
Given under my hand and seal of the Tribunal on this **07th day of September 2019.**

Sd/- RECOVERY OFFICER-II
DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNALI, BENGALURU

Note: Attention is invited to Rule 16 of the Second Schedule of the Income Tax Act 1961 read with recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 which is reproduced below: **"Rule 16(1)** where a notice has been served on a defaulter under Rule 2, the defaulter or his representative or his representative in interest shall not be competent to mortgage, charge, lease or otherwise deal with any property belonging to him except with the permission of the Debts Recovery Officer, nor shall any civil court issue any process against such property in execution of a decree for the payment of money. 2) Where an attachment has been made under this schedule any private transfer or delivery of the property attached or of any interest therein and any payment to the defaulter of any debt, dividend or other monies contrary to such attachment, shall be void, as against all claims enforceable under the attachment".

PUBLIC NOTICE

The general public is hereby informed and notified that my client is intending to purchase the below mentioned residential apartment unit bearing No. GF- 1B, BBMP PID No. 99-36-5/1, Paranadhama Apartments, 6th A cross, Sadashivanagar, more fully described in and referred to as **"Schedule 'B' & 'C' Property",** from its current owner **Sri. Garud Rudi Paska Iyengar,** S/o Late Balaji Iyengar, residing at 402-2000 Rue Drummond, Montreal, Canada.

If any person/s, company, firm, institution, or organization has objection, claim, interest, or dispute in respect of the above intended sale transaction, he/she/they may contact the undersigned with documentary proof substantiating his/her/their objections/ claims/interest/ details of dispute within **seven [7] days** from the date of this publication; failing which, my client will proceed to complete the sale transaction with the owner as if there are no third party objections/ claims/interest/dispute in the "Schedule 'B' & 'C' Property" and thereafter no objections/ claims/interest/dispute will be entertained.

SCHEDULE 'A 'PROPERTY
(Description of the entire property where the apartment building is situated.)

All that piece and parcel of residential site bearing **old No. 131, new No. 5,** 6th A Cross, situated in **Raj Mahal Vilas, Sadashivanagara,** currently coming under BBMP ward No. 35 (Aramane Nagar), measuring east to west by 118 feet and north to south by 80 feet and totally measuring **9440 Sq. feet** and bounded as follows:

East by : Road, 6 th A Cross;
West by : Site No. 128;
North by : Site No. 130;
South by : Site No. 132;

SCHEDULE 'B' PROPERTY
(Particulars of undivided share in the Schedule 'A' property)

1/8 th share of undivided share, rights, title and interest in the **SCHEDULE 'A' PROPERTY;** which is equivalent to **1180 Sq Ft.**

SCHEDULE 'C' PROPERTY
(Particulars of the residential apartment unit)

All that piece and parcel of residential apartment unit bearing **Flat No. GF-1B,** BBMP property bearing No.5/1, BBMP PID No. 99-36-5/1, located in the **Ground Floor** of **PARANDHAMA Apartment** building constructed in **SCHEDULE PROPERTY 'A',** property having three bedrooms, Hall, Kitchen, 3 toilets, & utility area and having super built area of **1838 Sq.Ft.,** having RCC structure, granite flooring, teak windows, doors, together with one covered car parking area in Basement Floor bearing **No.3.**

Sd/-
Advocate Gavin Ponnanna K.B,
Partner, Siddha Law,
No. 183, 1st Floor, Sri Venkateshwara Nilaya, 4th Cross, Opp to Hegde Medicals, Mangammanapalya, Bengaluru - 560068. Mob: 87621 05318

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Police Inspector, CT&R Division, Police Department, CID, Bengaluru

NOTIFICATION

The public are hereby informed that Burak Unity, a private finance firm has cheated the general public by collecting money as deposits and not paid interest or returned the principle amount. Cases have been registered in this regard at D.G. Halli and R.T. Nagar Police Stations and presently investigation by C.I.D. is underway. In this case, as per Karnataka Protection of Interest of Depositors in Financial Establishments Act, 2004 action has to be taken to acquire the immovable and movable properties in the names of accused **A1 Syed Niyaz S/o Syed Ismail, 54 years, A2 Syed Mohsin Pasha S/o Syed Niyaz, 37 years, A3 Roshan Pasha S/o Syed Niyaz, 35 years** and if information is available regarding the immovable and movable properties in their names, it is requested to provide this information to the Officer mentioned below. Names of the informant will be kept confidential.

Sd/- Lakshmi Devi M., Police Inspector, CT&R Division, CID, Bengaluru. Ph. No.: 080-22094567 Mob. No.: 9844712055

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase the Schedule Property from **Mr. AMBAREESH.K.V** who is an absolute owner through a Sale Deed which was registered vide **Doc No. YAN-1-04483-2023-24 dated 01.08.2023** at the Office of the **Sub-Registrar, Yelahanka, Bangalore.**

Any person/s, banks, financial institutions, claiming an interest in the said property or against the Owner, are hereby required to register their claims / objections in writing with documentary evidence to the undersigned **within 07 (seven) days from 11.09.2023** failing which the said sale will be completed very next day. Any objections / claims received thereafter will not be entertained / binding on our client.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Immovable Residential property bearing Vacant **Site No. 133,** formed on the converted land bearing **Sy Nos. 4 & 8,** situated at **GASTHIKEMPANAHALLI** Village, Yelahanka Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk and the layout is known as **"JAYASURYA NAGAR – FIRST PHASE"** and the layout is duly approved by the Bangalore Development Authority vide **No. BDA/TPA/PL-98/08-09/2548/2009-10** dated 02-11-2009, **BDA Property No, BD006S220007944, dated 15.08.2023, PID No. 6000031681,** issued by Bangalore Development Authority measuring **East to West: 12.19 meter (40 feet)** and **North to South: 9.14 meter (30 feet)** in all totally measuring **1200 Square feet,** together with all the rights, appurtenances whatsoever underneath or above surface and bounded on:

East by: **Site No. 126,** West by: **12th Cross Road,** North by: **Site No. 132,** South by: **Site No. 134.**

Date: **09-09-2023**
Place: Bangalore

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DEMAND NOTICE

Notice Under Section 13(2) of Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002.

You, the under mentioned borrower/mortgagor is hereby informed that the Company has initiated proceedings against you under the Securitization and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 and the Notice under Section 13(2) of the Act sent to you by Registered Post Ack. Due for borrower/s has been returned undelivered. Hence you are hereby called upon to take notice and pay the outstanding loan amount mentioned against the said account with interest accruing there from within 60 days from the date of this publication, failing which the company will proceed against you by exercising its right under Sub-sec (4) of Section 13 of the Act by enforcing the below mentioned security to realize its dues with interests and cost. It is needless to mention that this Notice is addressed to you without prejudice to any other remedy available to the company.

Sl. No.	Name and Address of the Borrower & Guarantors	Date of Demand Notice & Amount Outstanding
1.	**Applicant & Co-Applicant 1. Mrs. Shivagami 2.Mr. Periswamy** Both are residing at No 2a/944 Beershwara Nagar, Chunchughatta, Konanakunte, Bangalore South, Karnataka- 560 062. **Guarantor** 3.Mr. Shankar S/O Muthu M # No. 71, Towards Petrol Bunk, Gollahalli , Jp Nagar 9th Phase, Anjanapura, Bangalore – 560 062. 4.Meenakshi W/O Thirupathi Gowda, # 2, Chunchanaghatta Main Road, Beereshwara Nagar , Konanakunte , Bangalore South , Bangalore – 560 062. **Loan No: AYELAH0047984& AYELAH0068354**	**Demand Date: 18-08-2023& Rs. 12,89,053/-** (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Eighty Nine Thousand and Fifty Three Only) & **Rs. 5,43,368/-** (Rupees Five Lakhs Forty Three Thousand Three Hundred and Sixty Eight Only) as on **11-08-2023. NPA Date: 08--08--2023**

Description of Property:- All that piece and parcel of the Immovable property being Southern portion of property No.2A, Khatha No. 68/1 and 68/2, Situated at Chunchaghatta village, Uttarahalli Hobli, Bangalore South Taluk, Bangalore presently Comes under the Limits of BBMP, measuring East to West 30 feet and North to South 15feet in all totally measuring 450 Sq.ft and **bounded On: Boundaries: North by:** Northern portion of property No. 2A. **South by:** Property No.2B **East by:** Road, **West by:** Property belongs to Meenakshi.T

Date: 18.08.2023
Place: Chunchaghatta

Sd/- Authorised Officer
Aptus Value Housing Finance India Ltd.

CFM ASSET RECONSTRUCTION PRIVATE LIMITED (CFM-ARC)
REGISTERED OFFICE: OFFICE: BLOCK NO. A/1003, WEST GATE, NEAR YMCA CLUB, SUR. NO. 835/1+3, S.G.HIGHWAY, MAKARBA, AHMEDABAD-380051
CORPORATE OFFICE: 1st FLOOR, WAKEFIELD HOUSE, SPROTT ROAD, BALLARD ESTATE, MUMBAI-400038.
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APPENDIX - IV-A **SALE NOTICE FOR SALE OF IMMOVABLE PROPERTY UNDER THE SARFAESI ACT, 2002**

Auction Sale Notice for sale of immovable assets under the Securitisation and Reconstruction of Financial Assets and Enforcement of Security Interest Act, 2002 ('Act') read with proviso to rule 8(6) of the Security Interest Enforcement Rules, 2002.

CFM Asset Reconstruction Private Limited (**'CFM-ARC'**) (acting in its capacity as Trustee of CFM-ARC Trust - 67) have acquired the entire outstanding debt along with underlying securities of **Mr. SACHIN KRISHNA BHIRUD** ('Borrower') under section 5 of the said Act vide Registered Assignment Agreement dated 31.12.2020 and by virtue of the said Assignment Agreement, L&T Finance Ltd assigned all the rights, title and interests along with underlying securities and guarantees in favor of CFM-ARC.

Notice is hereby given to the public in general and in particular to the Borrower and Guarantors/Mortgagors that the below described immovable properties mortgaged/charged to the secured Creditor, the Physical Possession of which has been taken by the Authorized Officer of L&T Housing Limited on **03-02-2020,** the secured creditor, will be sold on "as is where is", "as is what is", "whatever there is" and "No recourse Basis"; on **20.10.2023** for recovery of total amount of **Rs. 82,24,506.36/-** as on **06.09.2023** and further interest and other costs thereon due to the Secured Creditor from **Mr. SACHIN KRISHNA BHIRUD (Borrower), Mrs. KIRTE SACHIN BHIRUD (Co-Borrower)** bearing Loan Account No. **BLRHL16001160, BLRHL16001334, BLRHL16001373 & BLRHL16001434.**

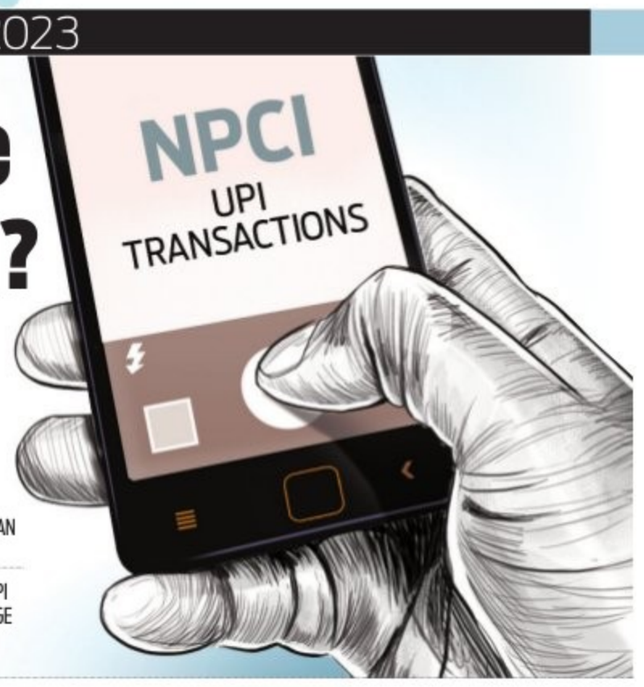
DETAILS OF PUBLIC AUCTION

DESCRIPTION OF SECURED PROPERTY:	All that Piece and Parcel of Property Address - FLAT NO- 05 ON THE GROUND FLOOR IN THE BUILDING "OMEGA ASTER" BEARING CONVERTED SURVEY NO. 88, PRESENT BBMP 59/88/1, NO.D.A. 516/2013-14, EARLIER PORTION OF BBMP KATHA NO. 59/88, NO. DA/271/2013-14 SITUATED AT CHOKKAMAHALLI VILLEGE, YELAHANKA HOBLI BANGALORE, KARNATAKA NORTH TALUK, BENGALURU - 560064& ADMEASURING 1040 SQ.FT SUPER BUILT UP AREA TOGETHER WITH 374 SQ.

₹4,200 cr have been pulled out by Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) from Indian equities in September so far.

How to make e-rupee payments using UPI?

This integration will be a game changer for digital payments ecosystem and facilitate transition to a more cashless economy



E-RUPEE

- UPI- CBDC INTEROPERABILITY ALLOWS USERS TO SCAN UPI QR CODES & PAY WITH E-RUPEES.
- CBDC WALLET USERS CAN TAP INTO 35 CRORE+ OF UPI USERS FOR EVERYDAY TRANSACTIONS, CREATING A HUGE BASE FOR E-RUPEE ADOPTION

VAITHEESWARAN B @ Chennai

WHILE Central banks around the globe are pondering whether or not to issue digital currencies, Indian banks went ahead and introduced interoperability between the country's digital payment platform - Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and Central Bank Digital Currency (CBDC). This makes transactions between retail digital rupee wallets compatible with UPI and consequently paving way for wider adoption of electronic currency.

What are CBDCs?

Digital Rupee (e₹), a CBDC issued by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) is a legal tender, similar to paper currency we use. It has sovereign guarantee and represents a direct claim on the central bank's balance sheet. It can be used to carry out transactions or store value digitally and can be converted against commercial bank money and cash.

RBI launched CBDC- retail pilot program last December to test the process of digital rupee creation, distribution and retail usage in real-time. As per RBI, 14.6 lakh users and 3.1 lakh merchants are currently part of the pilot as on August 31, 2023.

Virtual currencies

CBDCs are completely different from cryptocurrencies such as Bitcoin, as they don't have any intrinsic value and are not backed by assets or a sovereign guarantee.

UPI- CBDC interoperability

UPI- CBDC interoperability feature will allow users to scan any merchant UPI QR codes and pay with a digital rupee (retail) wallet. The merchant doesn't need an e-rupee wallet or a separate QR code to accept the e-rupee payments from the sender. Likewise, users can utilise their CBDC wallets to conduct transactions on the UPI QR.

Individuals can also transfer money to other individuals (Person to Person -P2P) with e-rupee.

How are interoperable systems advantageous?

At present, UPI has 35 crore registered users, and is expected to grow 3 times more and touch 100 billion monthly transactions, according to officials. A large number of people use UPI-based applications for day-to-day transactions, even for a small amount.

This helps CBDC wallet users to tap into this network with e-rupee. This creates a huge base for widespread adoption of e-rupee.

Commercial banks believe that this integration will be a game changer for the digital payments ecosystem in the country and facilitate transition to a more cashless economy.

It is also believed to enhance financial inclusion. The UPI interoperability feature will dramatically enhance the adoption of CBDC across the country, a senior banking official recently said.

Currently, a few large private and public sector banks including State Bank of India, Union Bank, IDFC First, Punjab National Bank, HDFC, ICICI, Kotak Mahindra and YES Bank, among others offer UPI- CBDC interoperability.

How can you use e₹?

Retail users can download 'Digital Rupee' app by respective banks. To avoid a large-scale disruption, the RBI is rolling out digital rupee in a phased manner. Banks have pre-selected users and allowed customers from certain cities, mostly Metro cities and major tier-II cities, to use digital rupee applications.

Each bank has introduced a dedicated 'Digital Rupee' mobile application for Android. While some banks have iOS applications, few are yet to release them.

- Users can download the respective bank's digital rupee app
- Register using the same SIM card as mentioned in the bank account.
- Set up app PIN and authenticate with device password
- Enter name and click on Choose Wallet
- Select and link a particular bank account with the wallet.
- Click on the 'Load digital Rupee' option and transfer funds from a linked account or through different UPI apps.
- After verification, the linked account will be debited and the digital rupee wallet will be credited, in selected denominations, instantly.

e₹ will have the same denominations that are currently circulating paper currencies and coins.

A person can create one wallet with one bank.

Users can download and register on the digital rupee applications. Once approved, the users will be notified through registered email or SMS to participate in the pilot program.

Wholesale user

The CBDC-Wholesale Pilot, launched on November 1 2022, restricted access to select financial institutions to settle secondary market transactions in government securities. RBI is planning to test some more use cases going forward.

What are the advantages of e-rupee?

If an individual loses the mobile phone, e-rupee wallet can be restored unlike physical wallets. RBI decided to issue digital currency to reduce operational cost involved in the physical cash movement, provide alternatives for cryptocurrencies, reduce settlement risk in the financial system, cost-effective cross border payment systems and enhance financial inclusion.

Difference between UPI and CBDC

UPI is digital payments platform- a way to instantly transfer money between two bank accounts.

UPI is a real-time digital payment option through an interbank interface.

And, e-rupee is a digital currency. It is a digital avatar of physical cash.

MONEY MATTERS

WHY INVESTING AMIDST EUPHORIA REQUIRES CAUTION

FINANCIAL KNOWLEDGE

RAJAS KELKAR

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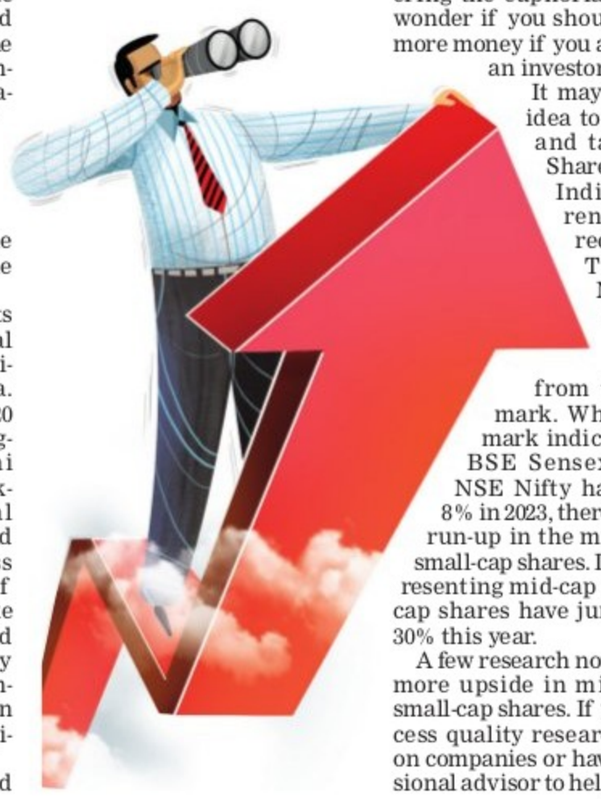
INDIA is at the centre stage. The host of G20 (now G21 with the addition of the African Union) this year, the world's attention is on the Global South. Prime Minister Narendra Modi spared no effort in putting forward the attractiveness of India as an investment and a travel destination. The endless media coverage of the event should make you wonder if it means anything for your money. Two critical things matter to your investments. These include the future of interest rates and the future of corporate profits.

In the short term, such events have little impact on financial markets. There is a lot of positive media coverage of India. Much business done at the G20 Summit in New Delhi has long-term implications. The Delhi declaration talks about unlocking the growth potential through building physical and digital infrastructure across continents. The presence of multilateral agency chiefs like those of the World Bank and the International Monetary Fund meant that smaller countries could look forward to an efficient disbursement of capital for funding that growth.

The efficiencies unlocked due to the rapid expansion of the digital public infrastructure like the Unified Payment Interface or UPI in India and other similar initiatives in many other countries add to the global growth. Construction of cross-country trade routes through sea, road and rail can boost the global supply chain.

The world learnt a lesson on problems in the supply chain triggered by the war in Ukraine or trade wars between two nations. An efficient movement of capital goods and services can help countries control supplies and manage inflation. That directly links to future interest rates that matter to your money.



Companies using the digital public or physical infrastructure could potentially do more business and generate higher corporate profits.

As a new investor in the stock market, you may wonder if it is right to start investing, considering the euphoria. You may wonder if you should commit more money if you are already an investor.

It may be a good idea to step back and take stock. Share prices in India are currently near a record high. The NSE Nifty is also a few points away from the 20,000 mark. While benchmark indices like the BSE Sensex and the NSE Nifty have moved 8% in 2023, there is a sharp run-up in the mid-cap and small-cap shares. Indices representing mid-cap and small-cap shares have jumped over 30% this year.

A few research notes suggest more upside in mid-cap and small-cap shares. If you can access quality research reports on companies or have a professional advisor to help you identify the right stocks, you can still invest in them. However, if you are new to investing, you must be careful. If you insist on investing in individual stocks, you must check the fundamentals like profit growth and outlook ahead. If you cannot assess that, you are better off making small monthly investments through systematic investing.

Index funds or exchange-traded funds are an excellent way to start. These allow you to take that first step in the investment world. When you test the waters here, you can move up to diversified equity funds, sectoral funds or direct equity investing.

Your financial advisor can help you make sense of the information. If you have one, you should make the most of those conversations. Focus on asking the right questions before deciding on asset allocation. Your hard-earned money needs direction from you. You can create wealth slowly. But, it is essential to read between the lines and take note of things that directly affect your money.

There is a lot of information put out to confuse you. It matters that you know the relevance of all of that. If you are not associated with the world of finance, you must keep in mind that any trend that pushes inflation higher is a warning sign. That could be persistently rising prices of goods and services. If the inflation trend is a flat plateau, it is time for your money to work for you.

MONEY-WISE

MEDIA AND STOCK MARKET

FINANCIAL ADVICE

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SEE the amount of noise that exists in the media and how you would be better off as an investor if you learnt how to manage it. Just ignoring it or over-reacting to it does not help. By reading or watching the media you are likely to get ill, and you will be prone to make financial mistakes – whether you are a trader or a long-term investor.

If you are a mutual fund investor, it may not hurt you much, but if you are an investor investing in direct equity, the media cacophony can hurt you. Imagine you have done research and have bought a share for ₹1000. Now the financial media tells you it is worth ₹2000 or ₹750 on a daily basis, what will you do?

Will you panic? Will you rejoice? Will you act calmly?

How many times have you seen headlines like "Ambani loses $100 million" in 2 week market fall? Or "PSU shares are up $200 million in the past month". This triggers FOMO (Fear Of Missing Out) in all of us. We wonder whether we should sell all our shares or should we be buying all the listed PSU shares?

Apart from this, there are journalists and anchors who can tell you why the market will go up on Monday morning (today) and on Tuesday morning they can tell you why it fell on Monday! Many a time it could be the same event like G20 or employment statistics.

The financial media (largely the television and social media) needs to do all this to increase the eyeballs so that there is more revenue. This may be of some sense to the trader, but it cannot mean anything for the investor.

There is not much in a talk or video of any investing 'sense' except saying – start early, invest smartly and let the power of compounding take over. If you need some more 'gyaan' on investing –see a financial planner. In the general / financial media we can only give a very broad sense like – invest in mutual funds, invest in index funds, etc. Specific advice can't be given in the public media.

Over a 1-year period, markets can be very chaotic for both G-Sec bonds and stocks. This is truer over shorter time horizons (i.e. monthly, daily, intra-day, etc.). However, when the duration is say 5 years or more the standard deviation is much lower.

Watching financial social media is like being caught in a slippery slope! The more you watch, the more that you will become short term oriented than you already are. Keeping yourself long-term focused is an important part of your wealth creation journey.

We are all victims of our upbringing too! Our parents have told us 'do not just sit there doing something'.

Jack Bogle says 'While investing do not do something, just sit there'.

IMF Chief urges G20 countries to pursue sound policies to help stability

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
@ New Delhi

G20 members must lead by example in delivering on the promises of $100 billion per year for climate finance, supported by strengthening the Multilateral Development Banks, Kristalina Georgieva, managing director of International Monetary Fund, said on Sunday.

The IMF MD said that while IMF has secured over $40 billion to support vulnerable countries through our Resilience and Sustainability Trust (RST) to build climate resilience, countries also need to mobilise domestic resources to finance and manage the green transition through tax reforms, effective and efficient public spending, strong fiscal institutions, and deep local debt markets. The IMF MD also called for all countries to pursue sound policies to support economic and financial stability and growth-oriented structural reforms. This is especially important in emerging and developing countries, where such reforms can boost output by up to 8% over 4 years, she said while cautioning that the global economic recovery is slow and uneven, with medium-term growth prospects being the weakest in decades in an environment of still elevated inflation, high interest rates, and growing fragmentation.

She said in order to make the global economy stronger and more resilient in a more shock-prone world, it is vital to reach an agreement to increase the IMF's quota resources before the end of the year and secure the needed resources for the Fund's interest-free support to the poorest countries through the Poverty Reduction and Growth Trust.

G20 meet: Government emphasises caution on use of crypto assets

MONIKA YADAV @ New Delhi

EVEN as the G20 under the India presidency has successfully set the stage for a globally coordinated policy and regulatory framework for crypto assets, the Indian government has emphasised the need for caution to ensure the well-being of the Indian financial ecosystem and macroeconomic stability.

A senior government official, while acknowledging the potential impact of cryptocurrencies on the digital economy, stated, "Crypto may not have a very obvious use case as such but we have to give that benefit of doubt to see what it can do to the digital economy. However, we will have to do it in a way that does not hurt the Indian financial ecosystem and macroeconomic stability."

He said although the use case for crypto assets may not be immediately apparent, it is crucial to provide them with the benefit of doubt to explore their potential contributions to the digital economy.

However, any regulatory measures implemented must be carefully crafted to prevent adverse effects on the Indian financial system and overall macroeconomic stability.

In an effort to gather insights from various stakeholders, the release of the synthesis paper on crypto assets has been expedited by one month. This decision aims to facilitate leaders' perspectives and input, ensuring a comprehensive understanding of the potential benefits and risks associated with cryptocurrencies, he added.

Meanwhile, Ajay Seth, Economic Affairs Secretary, on the sidelines of the G20 Summit said that the recommendations endorsed by the ministers will be taken forward.

"Work needs to be done on multilateral development banks (MDBs) and cryptos will be taken up for detailed discussions. It's not correct to say that the climate resilience debt clause(CRDC) is on table for long," Seth said while further adding that the CRDC was discussed in Gandhinagar and would require more technical work . He said that the international financial architecture working group will dwell upon this issue soon.

It must be noted that a paper by the International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the Financial Stability Board (FSB) recently said that blanket bans that make all crypto-asset activities (trading and mining) illegal can be costly and technically demanding to enforce.

Gautam Adani hikes stake in two group companies

ENS ECONOMIC BUREAU
@ New Delhi

BILLIONAIRE Gautam Adani led promoter group has increased stake in two of the Adani group's listed companies, amidst fresh reports which allege their involvement in stock price manipulation.

The promoter group has increased stake in flagship firm Adani Enterprises to 71.93% from 69.87%, according to stock exchange filings. This is the second time in less than a month that the promoters have raised a stake in Adani Enterprises that incubates new businesses. The promoter group has also increased stake in Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd from 63.06% to 65.23%, the filings showed. Resurgent Trade and Investment Ltd bought almost 1% stake in Adani Ports in open market transactions and another 1.2% was purchased by Emerging Market Investment DMCC. Both are promoter group firms. The additional shares in Adani Enterprises were bought by Kempas Trade and Investment Ltd and Infinite Trade and Investment Ltd. The filings said the stakes were bought in open market transactions between August 14 and September 8. The transactions come amidst a report which alleged that the promoter group family secretly invested in their own companies via close affiliates and bypassed the existing rules and regulations that prevent stock price manipulation. Adani Group on August 31 rejected the fresh allegations of stock price manipulation raised by the Organised Crime and Corruption Reporting Project (OCCRP). Earlier in January, US-based short seller Hindenburg Research had accused the port-to-power conglomerate of manipulating share prices via funds based on tax havens.

Farah bows out with fourth-place finish

British distance great Mo Farah completed what he said will be the final race of his celebrated career by finishing fourth in the Great North Run on Sunday. The four-time Olympic champ announced earlier this year he would bring the curtain down on his time as an athlete at the half-marathon race in northeast England. Ethiopia's Tamirat Tola won the race.

Major step up: Gauff joins elite list with Open success

HOWARD FENDRICH @ New York

COCO Gauff is still a teenager, after all, and so it should surprise no one that she was on her phone in the locker room, scrolling through social media, right up until 10 minutes before heading out on court for the US Open final. What the 19-year-old from Florida was reading, she would say later, were various comments, negative ones, "saying I wasn't going to win today; that just put the fire in me."

As a pro athlete from a young age, as someone of whom greatness has been expected by some and doubted by others, Gauff has always taken it all in and kept moving forward, trying to learn from each setback. And now, at a tournament she used to visit as a kid to see her idols, Serena and Venus Williams, Gauff is a Grand Slam champion herself and a certified star.

Setting aside a so-so start Saturday, Gauff surged to a 2-6, 6-3, 6-2 victory over the soon-to-be-No. 1 Aryna Sabalenka in the final at Arthur Ashe Stadium, delighting a raucous crowd that backed her from start to finish.

When Gauff walked into her news conference — phone in hand, of course — she noticed that a large screen on the back wall was rotating pictures of her from the match. So she tucked her new silver trophy under one arm and used the other hand to snap a selfie with those photos in the background. "Right now I'm just feeling happiness and a very, very small bit of relief," she explained. "Because honestly, at this point, I was doing it for myself and not for other people."

Gauff, who is from Florida, is the first American teenager to win the country's Major tennis tournament since Serena Williams in 1999. Gauff burst onto the scene at 15 by becoming the youngest qualifier in Wimbledon history and making it to the fourth round in her Grand Slam debut in 2019. She reached her initial Major final at last year's French Open, finishing as the runner-up to Iga Swiatek, a loss that stung. "I watched Iga lift up that trophy, and I watched her the whole time," Gauff recalled. "I said, 'I'm not going to take my eyes off her, because I want to feel what that felt like for her.'"

Another down moment came this July at the All England Club, where she exited in the first round. Since then, she has won 18 of 19 matches, and now 12 in a row, while working with a new coaching pair of Brad Gilbert and Pere Riba.

Now the will be pressure on Gauff: When's the next one? That's no easy burden. Consider: Two of the previous four US Open women's champions were teens at the time, Bianca Andreescu in 2019 and Emma Raducanu in 2021, and neither has come close to replicating that success yet. Gauff's maturity on and off a court should help her now as much as ever.

"I have just been embracing every positive and negative thing that's said about me. I realise sometimes people have different personalities and some people need to shut off the comments and not look at them. But I'm an argumentative person. I'm very stubborn," said Gauff, who chatted with her boyfriend until 1 AM, the night before the biggest match of her life so far. "My parents know: If they tell me one thing, I like to do the other." Spoken like a true teen. AP

ROAD TO TITLE

Rd 1:	bt Laura Siegemund (GER) 3-6, 6-2, 6-4
Rd 2:	bt Mirra Andreeva (RUS) 6-3, 6-2
Rd 3:	bt Elise Mertens (BEL x32) 3-6, 6-3, 6-0
Rd 4:	bt Caroline Wozniacki (DEN) 6-3, 3-6, 6-1
Q/F:	bt Jelena Ostapenko (LAT x20) 6-0, 6-2
S/F:	bt Karolina Muchova (CZE x10) 6-4, 7-5
Final:	bt Aryna Sabalenka (BLR x2) 2-6, 6-3, 6-2

Promising run

After her first-round loss in Wimbledon, Gauff had regained form and had captured her first WTA 500 title in Washington DC before winning her first WTA 1000 title in Cincinnati.

4 This is *Gauff's* fourth singles title of the year. She has a total of six titles in her nascent career so far.

That French Open loss (last year) was a heartbreak for me. That makes this moment even sweeter than I could imagine. I'm so grateful for this moment. I don't have any words for it to be honest.
—Coco Gauff

United States' Coco Gauff reacts after defeating Aryna Sabalenka of Belarus in the women's singles final of the US Open in New York on Saturday | AP

SHREYAS' INJURY A BIG WORRY FOR MEN IN BLUE

No 4 misses tie versus Pak as India post 147/2 before rain halts play

Rohit Sharma (L) celebrates his half-century on Sunday. Both the openers, Rohit and Shubman Gill, took on Pakistan pacers to provide India a solid platform | AFP

A 'forced change', as India skipper Rohit Sharma termed it at the toss on Sunday afternoon, ahead of their Super Four match of the 2023 Asia Cup against Pakistan could land India in a big trouble especially with the 2023 ODI World Cup at home less than a month away. Marked as the No 4 batter in the team sheet, Shreyas Iyer was hurriedly made No 13, the place originally allotted to KL Rahul. The duo swapped the places with Iyer going out and Rahul making it to the playing XI as the two captains exchanged team sheets here at the R Premadasa Stadium in Colombo, Sri Lanka.

The Indian cricket board (BCCI) later said Iyer had a back spasm during the warm-up session which ruled him out of the match. Though, the extent and seriousness of Iyer's injury were not known the fresh back injury raises concerns as the Mumbai batter underwent a back surgery almost six months ago before making his return to the national fold in the continental tournament.

Before the Asia Cup, Rahul last donned India colours during the ODIs against Australia in March. Iyer's last stint was a Test match against the same opponents in the same month. After persistent pain, Iyer was then sent for scans on his back on Day 4 of the fourth Test. He had a surgery in London forcing him to skip the entire IPL season. Rahul, meanwhile, sustained injury in May during an IPL match. He underwent a thigh surgery making his return to the team.

Interestingly, the duo underwent an extensive rehabilitation programme at the National Cricket Academy (NCA) in Bengaluru before being added to the Asia Cup and World Cup squads. While Rahul's return was delayed due to a fresh niggle as he missed the first two Group A ties, Iyer made an immediate return scoring 14 against Pakistan on September 2. He didn't bat against Nepal and was in the team at No 4 before back spasm ruled him out of Sunday's tie.

The injury only two matches into his comeback has baffled a few former India players and commentator Sanjay Manjrekar is one among them. "I'm just intrigued by Shreyas Iyer's fitness, if that's the case. He's had a long layoff. The big story was that he's fit now. He looked good in that 20-odd runs he scored against Pakistan. And now he has got a back spasm. You have to start looking at players if there are such issues for captain and team management. We were waiting for him to come back and gave him the first match and the second match," Manjrekar told the official broadcaster after the toss.

Earlier, Pakistan captain Babar Azam won the toss and invited India to bat expecting his pace battery to unsettle Rohit and Co as they did in the previous match. However, the Indian openers, especially Shubman Gill, scored quick runs to render Shaheen Shah Afridi and Naseem Shah ineffective. Gill completed his fifty off just 37 balls. Rohit also reached his half-century off just 42 balls. The openers, however, departed in quick succession leaving India at 123/2. Shadab Khan and Shaheen claimed the wicket of Rohit and Gill, respectively.

Virat Kohli (8 off 16) and Rahul (17 off 28) batted cautiously to ensure there weren't any further hiccups. Unfortunately, just when they looked set the sky opened up with India at 147/2 in 24.1 overs. Since then umpires did three inspections but the play eventually had to be called off. As the match has a reserve day, the contest will resume at 3pm on Monday with Kohli and Rahul returning to bat. As a result, India will be playing three days straight, with their Super Four stage clash against Sri Lanka scheduled to be played at the same venue on Tuesday. **Brief scores:** India 147/2 in 24.1 ovs (Rohit 56, Gill 58) vs Pakistan (match postponed to reserve day).

Intriguing tale of Indian staff in Pak

FIROZ MIRZA @ Colombo

WHILE the Indian cricket team had refused to travel to Pakistan for the 2023 Asia Cup, there were a few Indian nationals whose professional commitments with other participating nations meant not only did they visit the country but also stayed there during some Asia Cup cricket games. Each had a different experience to share. Some were cautious or avoided calling home while another was carefree.

"I stayed there for more than a week but never made a call to my family," a support staff with one of the participating countries told this daily. "Anyways, Indian SIM card was not getting registered there on the network despite activating international roaming. So only WhatsApp was working which helped me out there with the team meetings, schedule, communication and other things."

Notably, India's refusal had forced hosts, Pakistan Cricket Board, to adopt a hybrid model for the tournament with Sri Lanka as co hosts. Pakistan were allotted three group and one Super Four matches and barring India, remaining five teams had to play at least one match there. The six-team event also comprised Afghanistan, Sri Lanka, Nepal and Bangladesh.

The support staff, however, said the issue with the SIM turned out to be a blessing in disguise. "I visited Pakistan for the first time and have heard a lot of things and received a lot of advice. Most people suggested not to make calls from there as it can create troubles in future," said a support staff, who did not want to take any risk and kept in touch with their relatives in India only through messages.

While some were taking such precautions, a support staff from another team did not follow such protocols. "No way I could have done that. I called my family members regularly and stayed in constant touch with them," the staff member said.

The support staff, who were taking precautions praised the hospitality in Pakistan and affirmed the security given to them was top class but said they didn't want to complicate things after returning to India. "I am a common man working as a professional with a team. I went to Pakistan for cricketing purposes. I was informed about past cases when a few calls had landed people in trouble. So I didn't want to take that risk," said the concerned support staff.

Minutes before match, PCB slashes ticket prices but stands remain empty

FIROZ MIRZA @ Colombo

THE Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) seems to have not learnt its lesson from the previous mistake. Exorbitant ticket prices for the India-Pakistan Group A match at the Pallekele International Cricket Stadium on September 2 saw fans staying away from the contest. The prices were reduced a couple of days before the match but by then the damage had already been done as several stands and grass embankments were seen empty, which in fact is a rare sight especially when the two neighbours clash on the cricket field.

The PCB took it to another level during the Super Four match between the two archrivals here at the R Premadasa Stadium in Colombo on Sunday. With thousands of tickets remaining unsold, the organisers decided to slash the ticket prices minutes before the commencement of the match. "Tickets prices for the C and D stands at the RPICS, Colombo, will be reduced for the ongoing Asia Cup Tournament games as follows: C & D Upper Block:

Empty seats at the R Premadasa Stadium in Colombo on Sunday | AFP

1,000 Sri Lankan Rupees per ticket; C & D Lower Block: Rs 500 per ticket. The price reduction is applicable for all the Super 4 Games, including today's India vs Pakistan game, which commences at 3 PM. at the RPICS, Colombo. The above reduction does not apply for the finals of the Asia Cup 2023," read a press statement issued by the organisers.

According to the official website selling the tickets, the price of a ticket for C & D Upper Block was earlier fixed at Rs 16,000. Similarly, it was fixed at Rs 3,200 for the Lower Block before reduction. "The PCB is the host so it fixes the prices. The decision to reduce the ticket prices was also taken by the PCB. Only the PCB can say why a decision in this regard was taken so late," a Sri Lanka Cricket official told this daily.

Almost all the stands wore an empty look here at the R Premadasa Stadium. According to the official website, pcb.bookme.pk, the ticket price for Lower Block A & B is Rs 24,000 while it is Rs 48,000 for Upper Block A & B. The website also showed that 1803 seats were available at Lower Block A while 385 seats were vacant at Upper Block A at the start of the match. As many as 2221 seats were empty at Upper Block B and 2270 were not sold at the Lower Block B. A total of 3161 seats were shown empty at Lower Block C while 1557 seats were available at Upper Block C. In D block, 4114 Lower level seats were empty and 1642 Upper level seats were unsold. "The move is aimed at encouraging the locals to come to the ground," a PCB official told this daily. Speaking on the delay, he said, "Uncertainty over weather delayed the announcement but it will surely deliver results from the next match onwards."

EXPRESS READ

Johnson clocks season best time at Indian GP

CHANDIGARH: Asian Games champion Jinson Johnson posted a season best time en route winning the 1500m race while Kishore Kumar Jena took the top spot in the javelin throw event in the Indian Grand Prix 5 here. Johnson, 32, recorded his season best time of 3 minutes 39.32 seconds to win the 1500m race.

India suffer loss vs Lebanon in King's Cup

CHIANG MAI: Centre-back A Kassem El Zein's late strike off a bicycle kick guided Lebanon to a 1-0 win over India in the third-place match of the King's Cup football tournament here on Sunday. After a goalless first half, El Zein scored in the 77th minute to help his team finish third and win the bronze medal in the tournament.

Archer Prathamesh bags silver at WC Final

HERMOSILLO: Indian compound archer Prathamesh Jawkar's dream run in his maiden World Cup Final ended with a silver after he lost to Denmark's Mathias Fullerton in an intense shoot-off finish. Jawkar lost 148-148 (10-10*) to Fullerton, who was adjudged the winner by virtue of his arrow being closer to the centre.

Shuttler Kiran claims Super 100 crown

MEDAN: Indian shuttler Kiran George claimed his second BWF World Tour Super 100 title, lifting the Indonesia Masters trophy with a hard-fought straight-game win over Japan's Koo Takahashi in the men's singles final here on Sunday. The 23-year-old from Kochi beat the World No 82 Takahashi 21-19, 22-20.

Boxer Manju punches her way to gold

NEW DELHI: Manju Rani outpunched Afghanistan's Sadia Bromand 3-0 in the final as India finished with nine gold and a sliver medal in the 21st Mustafa Hajrulahovic Memorial Tournament in Sarajevo, Bosnia and Herzegovina on Sunday. Manju's skills in the ring also earned her the title of the 'Best Woman Boxer'.

Perfect week for Martin

AGENCIES @ Misano Adriatico (Italy)

JORGE Martin further closed the gap on championship leader Francesco Bagnaia after cruising to victory in Sunday's San Marino MotoGP to complete a perfect weekend at Misano.

Spaniard Martin is now 36 points behind world champion Bagnaia after claiming the third Grand Prix win of his career.

The 25-year-old took maximum points after also winning the sprint race on Saturday, but injured Bagnaia limited the damage to his overall lead with a superb third place which delighted the home supporters at the Italian track.

Martin was on pole after also smashing the lap record by nearly half a second in qualifying on Saturday morning, but said he is not thinking about claiming his first world title for Ducati satellite team Pramac.

EURO QUALIFIERS

Italy in spot of bother, England & Belgium on track

AGENCIES @ Paris

DEFENDING European champions Italy drew 1-1 with North Macedonia in a Euro 2024 qualifier on Saturday to suffer a blow in their hopes of making it to next year's finals from Group C where leaders England took a valuable point in a 1-1 away draw against Ukraine. England lead the group on 13 points with Ukraine on seven. Italy and North Macedonia both have four points.

Italy next face a crucial qualifying test against Ukraine on Tuesday.

Luciano Spalletti took charge of Italy for the first time following Roberto Mancini's shock resignation but his team flopped against the side which dumped them out of the last World Cup in the play-offs.

Ciro Immobile put Italy ahead but Enis Bardhi smashed in a free-kick for the hosts with nine minutes remaining in Skopje. Ukraine hosted England in Poland and marched out onto the pitch in Wroclow with national flags draped over their shoulders in front of around 40,000 of their own fans. Oleksandr Zinchenko put Ukraine in front with a thundering shot after a sweeping drive through midfield on 26 minutes.

England's Kyle Walker (C) scores during the match against Ukraine in Wroclaw, on Saturday. This was Walker's first ever strike for The Three Lions | AP

England, however, hit back in the 41st minute when Harry Kane played a ball over the top and Kyle Walker slipped the ball home for his first international goal on his 77th appearance.

Qualifying results (Saturday): Group C: Ukraine 1-1 England; North Macedonia 1-1 Italy. **Group F:** Azerbaijan 0-1 Belgium; Estonia 0-5 Sweden. **Group I:** Andorra 0-0 Belarus; Kosovo 2-2 Switzerland; Romania 1-1 Israel.

Germany sack coach Flick

BERLIN: Germany have sacked coach Hansi Flick just nine months from hosting Euro 2024 after Saturday's humiliating 4-1 defeat by Japan, the German FA (DFB) announced on Sunday. Flick became the first and only Germany head coach to be sacked since the position was created in 1926.

Sporting director Rudi Voeller, who coached the side to a 2002 World Cup final against Brazil, will take over on an interim basis. German FA boss Bernd Neuendorf said the sacking was "unavoidable" after the team's recent run of "disappointing" results.

Voeller is reportedly unlikely to lead Germany to Euro 2024.

Out-of-work manager Julian Nagelsmann, who previously replaced Flick as Bayern Munich manager, has been touted as a possible replacement ahead of the tournament.

Former Eintracht Frankfurt boss Oliver Glasner, out of work since May, has also been named as a possible successor.

THREE MODULES FOR IELTS

IELTS Academic: It is designed to help those who want to pursue an undergraduate or higher course. It assesses a candidate's ability to understand and use complex academic language, such as those used in academic lectures, textbooks, and research papers

General Training: One should opt for this module if one seeks employment abroad or wants to migrate to any 150+ countries IELTS is accepted, including Canada, Australia, or New Zealand. It assesses a candidate's ability to communicate effectively in various social and workplace contexts, such as conversations with colleagues, written correspondence, and simple reports

IELTS for UK Visas and Immigration (UKVI): UKVI is a test for those candidates who plan to move to the UK. It has the same test format, content, scoring, and level of difficulty as the IELTS. The only difference is that an IELTS for UKVI test is approved by the UK Home Office for work, study, and migration purposes

IELTS, OVER 30 YEARS OF MAKING A MARK

TIPS FOR NON-NATIVE ENGLISH SPEAKERS:

- Consistent practice across the language skills of reading, writing, listening, and speaking
- Understanding the test format by familiarising yourself with the various sections
- Official IELTS materials from IDP offer sample test papers and study guides, use them
- IELTS is time-bound, so improve time management skills by taking practice tests
- Focusing on expanding one's vocabulary will be beneficial
- Regularly engaging in full-length practice tests under timed conditions

BEWARE OF FRAUDULENT TEST CENTRES, FOLLOW THESE STEPS:

- Visit https://ielts.idp.com/book to access up-to-date list of authorised test centres
- Cross-reference the details of a chosen test centre with the official list
- Presence of the official IELTS logo or accreditation seal on the test centre's materials or premises can serve as an indicator of legitimacy
- Online reviews from past test-takers can shed light on the centre's reputation and credibility
- Always use secure payment methods

Find all resources for prep online

An aspirant can find a wealth of free online preparation material available on the ielts.org website and https://www.ieltsidpindia.com, the official websites. IDP provides a helpful guidebook that will assist a candidate in becoming familiar with the structure and content of the exam. These websites provide comprehensive resources, practice tests, and expert guidance to help an aspirant succeed in the examination

https://ielts.cambridgeconnect.org offers free prep materials and paid packages at nominal prices

Looking to test your English proficiency before applying for higher education abroad? Look no further than IELTS

IELTS 101 ALL THAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

IT'S that time of the year when Indian students, in a quest to pursue higher education abroad, are frantically looking at universities, countries and more. An unavoidable element of this journey is an English proficiency test. If IELTS is your choice, as it was for over 1.2 million people last financial year, then the test-conducting body, IDP Education, is here to banish any question or query you might have about the exam.

test time

IELTS or, the International English Language Testing System, was inducted more than 30 years ago and today, has established itself as THE proficiency test. Not only that, it is internationally accepted by several countries including the United States of America, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, and the United Kingdom.

When the future is at stake, one can easily get hounded by rueful questions. Hence, *Edex-Live* spoke to Piyush Kumar, Regional Director - South Asia and Mauritius, IDP Education, who currently oversees the IELTS examinations in India, seeking answers to the many queries that might haunt an aspirant.

Excerpts from an interview:

How does IELTS differentiate itself from other English proficiency tests?

IELTS is the most widely recognised English language proficiency test. This is primarily due to its unique features, such as a strong global reputation.

Another remarkable feature of IELTS is its adaptability. It is available in both paper and computer formats that accommodate diverse test takers' preferences.

A noteworthy distinction also lies in its assessment process which includes a combination of computerised marking and human expertise. Certified English experts evaluate IELTS tests (Writing and Speaking) by following global marking standards.

For non-native English speakers or those who did not study English as their first language, how equitable is the IELTS?

IELTS provides a fair and accurate representation of a test taker's English language abilities. The test is developed using a comprehensive and rigorous process that involves language assessment experts from Australia, Canada, New Zealand, the UK and the USA.

The test content reflects real-life situations and maintains impartiality and fairness for all test takers, regardless of their background.

One of the sections in IELTS is Speaking. Many non-native English speakers may have a mother-tongue influence on their language when speaking in English. When trained professionals examine the IELTS Speaking test, they ensure that a person is marked on the correct English usage and not on the native accent influence.

IDP mails the test preparation book to the candidates once they have booked the test. https://ielts.cambridgeconnect.org/ provides free test prep material and paid packages at nominal prices.

IELTS has been evolving with the changing times. What other changes are in the offing in the near future?

IELTS is a dynamic test constantly evolving to meet the needs of its users. With its constant endeavour to make the test more convenient for the candidates, it has developed One Skill Retake (OSR). OSR will allow the candidate to retake any one section of the test if they are not satisfied with the score of that skill rather than taking the entire test. OSR has received an extremely positive response in Australia and will be soon launched in India as well.

> *The quality of education is not standard for all the schools in the country. Hence, standardised tests are needed*
> Piyush Kumar, Regional Director, IDP Education

Considering the increasing globalisation where English serves as the de facto lingua franca, what is the role of proficiency tests in the future? How can these tests evolve to maintain their relevance in such a context?

In the context of growing global interconnectedness, where English has become the universal means of communication, the role of proficiency tests holds great significance for the future. These tests must evolve to maintain their relevance in this changing landscape.

IELTS continues to evaluate itself and make necessary changes as per the changing times. The IELTS test emphasises four key test qualities: validity, reliability, impact, and practicality. Over more than 30 years, a collaborative effort involving academics, administrators, educators, and practitioners worldwide has refined these qualities through extensive research. The IELTS research programme, jointly funded by IELTS partners- IDP: IELTS Australia and the British Council, ensures an ongoing relationship with the broader linguistics and language testing community.

150 IELTS is accepted in over 150 countries, including the UK, the USA, Canada, Australia and New Zealand

11,500 The English proficiency test has acceptance level in over 11,500 organisations around the world

13 Results of paper-based test take 13 days. Computer-delivered results are available within three to five days

4,000 The English proficiency test is available in more than 4,000 test locations across the globe

Paper-based IELTS vs Computer-based IELTS – What is better for you?

The IELTS exam can be given either on a computer or on paper. We break down the differences between both versions and the pros and cons each version has to offer

	IELTS on computer	IELTS on paper
Delivery format	Listening, Reading, Writing parts of the test on a computer, Speaking test face-to-face with an IELTS examiner	Listening, Reading, Writing parts of the test on paper, Speaking test face-to-face with an IELTS examiner
Delivery intervals	Listening, Reading, Writing parts to be completed one after the other with no breaks, Speaking part to be completed just before or just after the other three	Listening, Reading, Writing parts to be completed one after the other with no breaks, Speaking part to be completed within a week before or just after the other three
Test availability	Available 7 days a week, 3 times a day	Available 48 days a year on Thursdays and Saturdays
Booking	Through the website, using the computer-shaped icon	Through the website, using the paper-shaped icon
Results	3-5 after taking the test	13 days after taking the test

HOW MUCH DO YOU NEED TO SCORE IN IELTS?

Level		IELTS score (Out of 9.0)	Meaning
Basic User		N/A	
	A2	N/A	
Independent User		0-4	You could not answer a majority of the questions
		4.5	You do not have the ability to use English except for a few isolated words
		5	You have great difficulty in understanding spoken and written English
		5.5	You convey and understand only the general meaning in very limited situations
		6	You can communicate to a limited extent. You have difficulty in understanding certain expressions, and cannot use complex language
		6.5	You have a partial command of English, and cope with the overall meanings in most situations, although you are likely to make many mistakes
Proficient User		7	You have an effective command of English despite some inaccuracies and inappropriate usage
		7.5	You have a fairly good command of English and can handle complex language well. You may misunderstand some things in unfamiliar situations
		8	
		8.5	You have a full operational command of English. You are fluent and accurate
		9	

Which is easier: TOEFL or IELTS?

Dr Albert P'Rayan, an ELT (English Language Teaching) resource person, answers this question

Providing a straightforward response to this question is not simple. Individuals who have taken both exams suggest that the difficulty of these tests is a subjective matter. Notable variations are primarily observed in the reading section: TOEFL reading passages are from academic textbooks and scholarly journals, whereas IELTS reading materials encompass content from magazines, books, journals and newspapers.

How can one prepare for these tests to attain a desirable score? Initially, the test taker should assess their language skills by taking a diagnostic test. Numerous free online tests are available to assist individuals in evaluating their competence in listening, speaking, reading and writing.

Before beginning practice on each skill, it's good to determine whether one struggles with any grammar issues. Writing without grammatical errors is crucial for achieving high scores in the writing section. Numerous English learners face challenges when attempting to write error-free content. The ability to identify and correct grammatical mistakes in any written piece is essential.

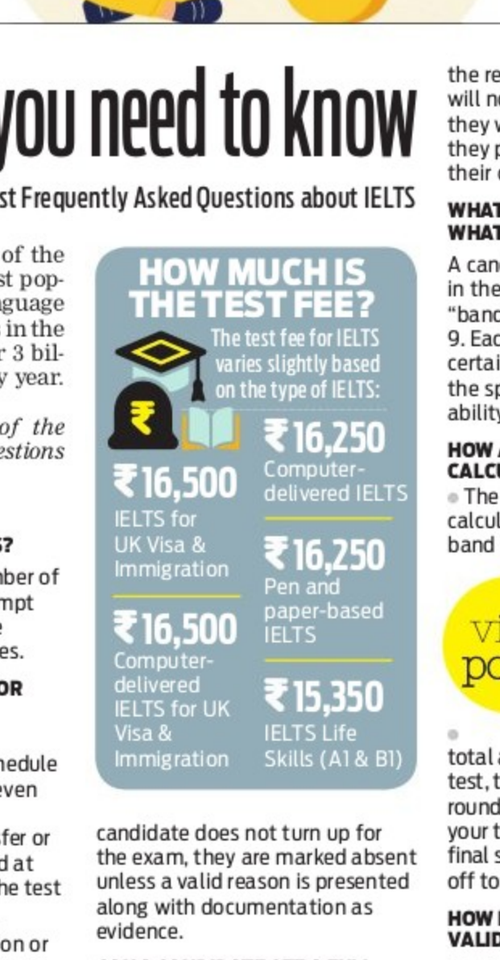
this or that

For instance, consider the sentence: *"John went to the library on the campus he borrowed a book suggested by his professor."*

This sentence is grammatically incorrect due to being a run-on sentence, which occurs when two or more independent clauses are improperly combined into one. It can be corrected using various approaches:

- *John went to the library on the campus; he borrowed a book suggested by his professor.*
- *John went to the library on the campus; and he borrowed a book suggested by his professor.*
- *John went to the library on the campus; consequently, he borrowed a book suggested by his professor.*
- *John went to the library on the campus. He borrowed a book suggested by his professor.*

Learning grammar in context is beneficial. Several online resources are available for it.



IELTS - All you need to know

Here are some of the most Frequently Asked Questions about IELTS

The IELTS is one of the biggest and most popular English language proficiency tests in the world, with over 3 billion takers every year.

Here, we address some of the most commonly asked questions about the test:

HOW MANY TIMES CAN A CANDIDATE ATTEMPT IELTS?

There is no limit to the number of times a candidate can attempt IELTS. One can attempt the examination numerous times.

CAN A CANDIDATE CANCEL OR RESCHEDULE THE IELTS EXAM?

- Yes, a candidate can reschedule or cancel IELTS exam, and even get a refund for the latter. However, requests for transfer or cancellation must be placed at least five weeks ahead of the test date via email or in person.
- The request for cancellation or transfer can be placed only once, and the test can be postponed for a maximum of three months.
- If the request is placed less than five weeks of the exam, or the candidate does not turn up for the exam, they are marked absent unless a valid reason is presented along with documentation as evidence.

HOW MUCH IS THE TEST FEE?

The test fee for IELTS varies slightly based on the type of IELTS:

- ₹16,500 IELTS for UK Visa & Immigration
- ₹16,250 Computer-delivered IELTS
- ₹16,500 Computer-delivered IELTS for UK Visa & Immigration
- ₹16,250 Pen and paper-based IELTS
- ₹15,350 IELTS Life Skills (A1 & B1)

CAN A CANDIDATE GET A FULL REFUND ON IELTS EXAM?

Yes, but only if they place the cancellation request five weeks ahead of the exam. If they place the request later than that, they will not get a refund. However, they would get a 75% refund if they provide a valid reason for their cancellation.

WHAT IS A 'BAND SCORE' AND WHAT DOES IT INDICATE?

A candidate's English Proficiency in the IELTS exam is measured in "bands", that is, a score from 0 to 9. Each band score represents a certain degree of competence in the specific English language ability of the test.

HOW ARE IELTS SCORES CALCULATED?

- The overall IELTS score is calculated as an average of the band scores of all four modules. If the average is not a whole or a half-whole number, it is rounded off to the next .25 mark.

vital point

- For example, if your total average score is 6.25 in the test, the final score would be rounded off to 6.5. Similarly, if your total average is 6.75, your final score would be rounded off to 7.0.

HOW LONG ARE IELTS SCORES VALID FOR?

A candidate's IELTS score is valid for a period of 24 months. However, for Skilled Migration applications, the scores are valid for a period of three years.

Beyond studies – Looking at IELTS for employment

Do IELTS scores play a role in securing employment opportunities as well? If yes, how? We take a look...

While much has been extrapolated on IELTS for education, *EdexLive* breaks down how this exam can also improve the employment prospects of those who ace the test.

IELTS FOR EMPLOYMENT

A good IELTS score means that the candidate is proficient in English, and can navigate both professional and interpersonal situations at workplace with ease. It also demonstrates to employers that the candidate is prepared to reside and work in the country.

Due to this, over 11,500 government and private organisations across 150 countries also look at candidates' IELTS results.

INDUSTRIES THAT ASK FOR IELTS SCORES INCLUDE

Point worth noting

It must be noted that the required proficiency level is not the same everywhere, and depends on what each company and/or country requires

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Russia successfully tested the world's most powerful "Vacuum Bomb" which unleashed shockwaves, on this day in 2007

FATHER OF ALL BOMBS

Dubbed 'The Father Of All Bombs', this thermobaric weapon, designed by Russian military, is four times as powerful as the United States Massive Ordnance Air Blast Bomb

LONG-RANGE PATROLS

The testing came weeks after president Vladimir Putin revived the Cold War era practice of flying bombers on long-range patrols

DEADLY DEVICE

Russian deputy armed forces chief Alexander Rushkin said the new bomb is smaller than the United States' 'mother of all bombs', but much deadlier

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WINNING HEARTS

First family, First Lady and first formal visit to India after B'luru girl Akshata Murty's husband Rishi Sunak took charge as UK's PM...down south, there is much pride about the 'young couple', as those known to the Murthys' point out

MONIKA MONALISA AND VIDYA IYENGAR

THE 2023 G20 Summit concluded on a high note after India hosted leaders from across the world who were in New Delhi to participate in the event. Down south in Bengaluru, there has been extra interest in the arrival of the United Kingdom's Prime Minister Rishi Sunak and First Lady Akshata Murty who made their first formal appearance in India after Sunak took charge. Daughter of Infosys co-founder NR Narayana Murthy and Sudha Murty, Akshata and Sunak's visit is a moment of pride for Bengalureans who consider the Murthys to be the first family of the city.

Akshata and Sunak, who tied the knot in Bengaluru in 2009, have been setting 'couple goals' on Instagram with gestures like visiting the Akshardham temple, pictures of which have gone viral on social media. Former Infosys CFO Mohandas Pai points out that the young couple's inclination to their culture has touched many. "They come across as a very young couple who is very positive and optimistic. Always standing out for the right things. They have a good value system. Young people in Bengaluru identify themselves with the couple. The fact that Akshata is a Bengaluru girl, really makes us proud. It is not easy to be children of great, accomplished parents. You are often compared and feel uncertain sometimes. It is very difficult and can be a very unfair burden," says Pai, who warns people to keep their expectations of Sunak in check. "Sunak is a Hindu of British origin and his loyalty is to the United Kingdom, not to India. He will not do anything special for India. If he has to be, he can be harsh on India like any other White PM of the UK," he asserts, and mentions that Akshata has been carrying on the role of the First Lady of the UK really well.

During the summit, the First Lady's fashion picks have also been under a great deal of scrutiny. In fact, her choice of a red and pink dress from an online brand, Drawn, has earned her extra points for supporting local businesses. But many are not surprised by her choice since Akshata worked with local Indian artisans and eventually launched Akshata Designs, a fashion label that preserved Indian tradition and craftsmanship between 2009 and 2013. "We had no idea they had purchased the set. Suddenly we received a message from a follower sharing images of her at the British Council in our Wild Iris set. Obviously, we were over the moon," says Rhea Bhattacharya, founder of the brand.

While mother Sudha Murty has always been vocal about her 100 per cent no-shopping policy in general and more so about sarees, the Murtys are amongst the old clientele of Bengaluru-based heritage saree store The House of Angadi, where Akshata's wedding sarees were purchased back in 2009. "It is indeed an honour to have the First Lady of the UK as our client but more importantly, she and her family have been great humanitarians and we have always had great personal respect and rapport with the family since the early days," says KH Radharaman, founder, creative director and CEO of The House of Angadi.

As all eyes are on Murty and Sunak, author and speaker Sudha Menon hopes Akshata keeps her father's message in mind and uses her considerable influence to positively impact the lives of people. "I remember meeting Mr Murthy in 2012 as I was writing my book of letters, and it was magical to see this otherwise serious sort of businessperson's face come alive with the remembered joy of holding his daughter in his arms for the first time. That was supposed to be a short meeting to discuss what he thought were really important things for a daughter to grow up and lead a contented life, but it turned out to be a lengthy meeting full of memories and anecdotes about his beloved daughter," Menon says.

Akshata Murty and Rishi Sunak come across as a young couple, who is positive and optimistic. Always standing out for the right things. They have a good value system. Young people in B'luru identify themselves with the couple

- Mohandas Pai, former Infosys CFO

'UPHOLD THE IMAGE OF INDIA IN EVERY ACTION OF YOURS'

As you pursue your goals and live a contented life, remember that there is only one planet for us to live in and that planet is now becoming endangered. Remember that it is your responsibility to pass on this planet to Krishnaa in a better condition than you got from us.

The world is yours to explore. Right from the beginning, your mother and I felt that it would be so much better for you to create your own future. You are already the entrepreneur you wanted to be. You will be putting India's crafts and textiles tradition on the global map with your business.

My dream for you is that you become a model citizen of whichever society you choose to be in and conduct yourself as an honest, worthy, responsible and productive citizen of that country. No matter how transnational you are or how American (you have been living there from the age of seventeen), you will always be seen as an Indian. Therefore, uphold the image of India in every action of yours.

Be successful. Success to me is bringing a smile to the faces of people when you enter a room. Becoming so requires you to be caring of other people. I know this is your fundamental strength. Put the interest of people ahead of your own family's interest, and the interest of your family ahead of your own personal interest. That is the only way, my child, that we can make this a better world for our children and grandchildren."

(Excerpted with permission from 'Legacy' by Sudha Menon, published by Penguin India; this letter was written by NR Narayana Murthy for daughter Akshata Murty in 2012 after the birth of her first child, Krishnaa)

GRUB HUB

Aslam Gafoor
(@aslamgafoor) is a hospitality professional with experience in business development, sales and marketing with well-known hotels, and food and beverage companies. A few of his passions are travel, food and wine, and he enjoys sharing these experiences as a columnist.

THE QUIZ WILL BE PUBLISHED EVERY SATURDAY

Send answers to **bengalurucityexpress @gmail.com** with the subject line **'Food quiz'** The correct answers and names of the first three respondents with right answers will be featured in *CE* on Monday. The first prize winner will receive a voucher worth ₹1,200 from K-OS - The GameBar **

THE RIGHT ANSWERS

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FIRST 3 TO GET IT RIGHT

1) Rathi M 2) Prabhu Das
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CITY READ

National diagnostics chain to invest ₹100 crore for Karnataka expansion

Tenet Medcorp Pvt. Ltd with the brand name Tenet Diagnostics, a national integrated diagnostics chain with its presence in eight states and 25 locations across India, is all set to invest ₹100 crore in Karnataka expansion. The move will boost access to the latest technology and infrastructure in Diagnostics, Laboratory services and preventive healthcare in the state. With this investment, Tenet Diagnostics will double its presence in Karnataka from the current five centres to 15 centres by 2025. It's five centres in Bengaluru are located in Jayanagar, Sadashivanagar, Indiranagar, Marathahalli and Whitefield. Two centres in Mysuru and Mangaluru will be operational by the end of 2023. Tenet Diagnostics will also add 1,500+ skilled jobs to its current 150+ doctors and 800+ technicians employee base. This will take its total workforce tally to 2,500+ dedicated staff serving the healthcare needs of the community.

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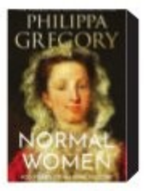


Normal Women Make History

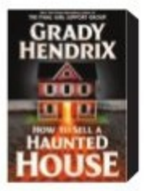
by Philippa Gregory

In Normal Women, the author draws on an enormous archive of primary and secondary sources to rewrite British history, focusing on the agency, persistence, and effectiveness of everyday women throughout periods of social and cultural transition.

Romantic Comedy

by Curtis Sittenfeld

Love is the last thing on Sally's mind as a confident comedy writer, but charismatic pop star Noah has different plans for her. A hilarious yet heartwarming book that promises a delightful happy ending to the readers.



How to Sell a Haunted House

by Grady Hendrix

Discover the secrets of a haunted house in this Grady Hendrix horror novel. Siblings Mark and Louise must confront the supernatural presence that might have been the cause of their parents deaths. The story revolves around them trying to sell their childhood home and regain a normal life.

Homeless: Being Lesbian and Dsylexic in India

by K Vaishali

An inspiring journey of the writer, the book takes us through her twenties as she navigates being dyslexic and lesbian in India. From coming out to her mother to overcoming challenges in reading and writing, witness her courageous pursuit of a life she cherishes.

WHAT WHEN WHY WHERE

A Laughter-Fueled Comedy Night

Top comedians dish out hilarious jokes as you savour a delectable meal at jokes over the table. It's a perfect recipe for laughter!

WHEN: Sept 11, 7.30 pm
WHERE: Talk over Table, Indiranagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Elevate Your Fitness

Discover the perfect blend of yoga, acrobatics, and healing arts. Enhance your strength, flexibility, and balance while building trust and connection with Acro Yoga. **WHEN:** Sept 11, 7 am **WHERE:** Smallworld, ST Bed Koramangala **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

Unlock the Enigma!

In this gripping escape game, you will be tested of your wits, intuition, and teamwork. Can you beat the clock and conquer the mysteries lurking within?

WHEN: Sept 11, 2 pm onwards
WHERE: Mystery Rooms, Indiranagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Glide on Tranquil Waters

Embark on an unforgettable kayaking adventure at Kanva Reservoir. Paddle through serene waters, soak in scenic beauty, and create lasting memories.

WHEN: Sept 11, 8 am
WHERE: Triquetra, Kannamangala
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

Learning Meets Play

Explore a world of imagination and discovery for kids aged 7 and below. From ball pools to trampolines, it's the ultimate learning-through-play experience.

WHEN: Sept 11, 11am onwards **WHERE:** Nexus Shantiniketan, Whitefield **DETAILS:** bookmyshow.com

Graceful Kathak

Experience the artistry of Kathak dance in captivating performances that transcend boundaries. Join to witness a special show dedicated to underprivileged children.

WHEN: Sept 11, 5 pm & 7 pm
WHERE: Manasa Joshi Arts Foundation, Padmanabhanagar
CONTACT: 9742099966

A Contemporary Epic

Experience the rich tapestry of KB Siddaiah's literature in the theatrical masterpiece *Daklakatha Devikavya*. Delve into contemporary themes through the lens of an iconic Kannada writer and Dalit activist.

WHEN: Sept 12, 7.30 pm
WHERE: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar
DETAILS: bookmyshow.com

THE WRITTEN WORD

Chitra Govindraj's book of poems, *Essence*, was launched at Bangalore International Centre, Domlur, on Sunday | NAGARAJA GADEKAL

QUICK FIX

BROWNIES IN A JIFFY

Contributed by **Ishwarya Katte,** Bengaluru

INGREDIENTS

- **Salted butter, melted:** 1 cup
- **Cocoa powder:** 2/3 cup
- **Vanilla extract:** 1/2 tsp
- **All-purpose flour (maida):** 1 cup
- **Sugar:** 2 cups
- **Eggs:** 4
- **Salt:** 1/4 tsp

METHOD

- Preheat your oven to 350° F. Line a baking dish with parchment paper.
- Melt the butter in a large mixing bowl. Whisk in the sugar, eggs, and vanilla extract. Whisk for two minutes. Add the flour, cocoa powder, and salt, and fold in until you have a thick batter.
- Pour the batter into your baking dish and bake for 25-30 minutes. The top will look set, and to check, prick with a toothpick, it should have crumbs on it, but not a runny batter.
- Let brownies cool for 30 minutes to 1 hour before slicing. They taste good when warm but won't hold a neat shape. Cut it and serve with some vanilla ice cream, if desired.

What's cooking in your kitchen?

We are hungry for recipes with minimum ingredients and maximum flavours. Share your quick-fix with us, along with step-by-step photos, at bengalurucityexpress@gmail.com

FIT BIT

EKA PADA INDUDALASANA VARIATION

(ONE LEGGED STANDING CRESCENT POSE VARIATION)

In Sanskrit, 'eka' means one, 'pada' means leg, 'indudala' means crescent and 'asana' means posture. This pose is a variation of Indudalasana. This pose strengthens and stretches the oblique muscles.

STEPS

- First, start in Tadasana (Mountain Pose), and stay here for a few breaths.
- Inhale and raise your arms while expanding your upper ribs.
- At this stage, you can grab your wrist and keep your back straight.
- Now, exhale and bend towards your right without disturbing your lower body.
- You can now feel the stretch on the left side of your body.
- Look forward and maintain the balance of your body.
- Then, inhale and lift your right leg sideways out and up, extending your body weight to your left leg.
- You can stay in this pose for 3 long breaths.
- After that, exhale and bring your right leg down.
- Now, inhale and come back to Tadasana pose.
- Then, exhale and repeat the pose on the other side, following the same set of instructions.
- Finally, release the pose and relax.

BENEFITS

- If practised regularly, this asana reduces stress and fatigue.
- Helpful in stretching the sides, shoulders, arms, and spine.
- This asana strengthens the abdominal muscles.
- Regular practice of this asana tones your oblique muscles.
- Helps in strengthening the arms, shoulders, and back.
- Opens the hip flexors and strengthens the hip extensors.
- This pose improves the digestion process.
- This asana promotes the flexibility and balance of the body.
- Helps improve the blood circulation in the body.

LIMITATIONS

People who are suffering from severe lower back, shoulder, or neck injuries should avoid this asana.

If you suffer from headaches or heart problems, this asana shouldn't be practiced.

By N Elumalai, PhD Scholar (Yoga Science) at Meenakshi Academy of Higher Education & Research, Chennai

NOW STREAMING

REGIONAL

KUMUDINI BHAVAN (Bengali)

This series revolves around a mysterious death at Kumudini Bhavan, which stuns Inspector Hochi and Anushree, the newest resident at the women's hostel. As they team up and dig deep, they discover unsettling secrets and unforeseen ties, with more deaths creeping up on them.

Cast: Ushasi Ray, Ambarish Bhattacharya, Rishav Basu as Rwik, Anashua Majumdar

- **Watch on:** Hoichoi

KURUKKAN (Malayalam)

A self-deprecating police officer who is down on luck and hasn't had any career promotions tries to frame an innocent man to make fame, but it backfires on him.

Cast: Ansiba, Shine Tom Chacko, Bindhu Jayan

- **Watch on:** ManoramaMAX

BLACK N WHITE (Tamil)

Siblings Rishi and Ritu, who lost their parents to COVID-19, are on the verge of losing their home. After several failed attempts to arrange the money, Rishi plans on going rogue.

Cast: Karthik Raj and Arthika

- **Watch on:** ZEE5

SCAM 2003: THE TELGI STORY (Hindi)

This series is based on true events and traces of Abdul Karim Telgi's rise from a fruit seller to the kingpin of the stamp paper scam. Fueled by greed, Telgi dominates the stamp paper market through corruption, while carefully maintaining a low profile. But for how long can he evade the clutches of the law?

Cast: Gagan Dev Riar

- **Watch on:** Sony LIV

NAMO BHOOTHATHMA 2 (Kannada)

Arjun and his friends work for a TV channel. His boss sets the target for a rise in TRP. Arjun and his friends decide to prank the popular area goon, Rudresh and Mahantesh. The gangsters get humiliated by the prank and destroys the TV channel.

Cast: Komal Kumar, Lekha Chandra, Monica Gowda

- **Watch on:** Sun NXT

All the streaming apps can be accessed on smartphones and smart TVs with Internet connection.

HOSTEL HUDUGARU BEKAGIDDARE (Kannada)

This comedy flick revolves around the hilarious misadventures of a group of friends living in a hostel, leading to uproarious chaos and laughter.

Cast: Manjunath Manjunath, Prajwal BP, Aniruddha

- **Watch on:** Disney+ Hotstar

THE FREELANCER (Hindi)

Based on the book 'A Ticket to Syria' by Shirish Thorat, The Freelancer is a Hindi thriller series that follows an ex-cop turned mercenary, Avinash Kamath aka The Freelancer, who goes on the daunting mission of rescuing Aliya — a newlywed girl trapped in a war-torn Syria afflicted by the rise of ISIS terrorism.

Cast: Mohit Raina, Anupam Kher, Kashmira Pardeshi

- **Watch on:** Disney+ Hotstar

FOREIGN

WAYNE SHORTER: ZERO GRAVITY (English)

This is a 3-part documentary series that examines the life and work of jazz saxophonist Wayne Shorter. The series of individual episodes each showcase a distinct era in Shorter's life and career. The film explores Shorter's battles with addiction and trauma as well as his musical collaborations with artists like Joseph Zawinul and Milton Nascimento.

Cast: Wayne Shorter:

- **Watch on:** Amazon Prime Video

LIVE TO 100: SECRETS OF THE BLUE ZONES (English)

In this series, travel around the world with author Dan Buettner to discover five unique communities where people live extraordinarily long and vibrant lives.

Cast: Dan Buettner

- **Watch on:** Netflix

RAGNAROK SEASON 3 (English)

In season 3, a small Norwegian town is experiencing warm winters and violent downpours that seem to be headed for Ragnarok, unless someone intervenes in time at the conclusion of this gripping saga.

Cast: David Stakston ,Jonas Strand Gravli, Herman Tømmeraas

- **Watch on:** Netflix

MISS ADRENALINE: A TALE OF TWINS (English)

Miss Adrenaline: A Tale of Twins is a Colombian drama series that follows a competitive biker who adopts the identity of her long-lost identical twin sister to bring her murderers to justice and find the truth behind their separation.

Cast: Zharick León, Camila Rojas, Juanita Molina

- **Watch on:** Netflix

SUBSCRIPTION	
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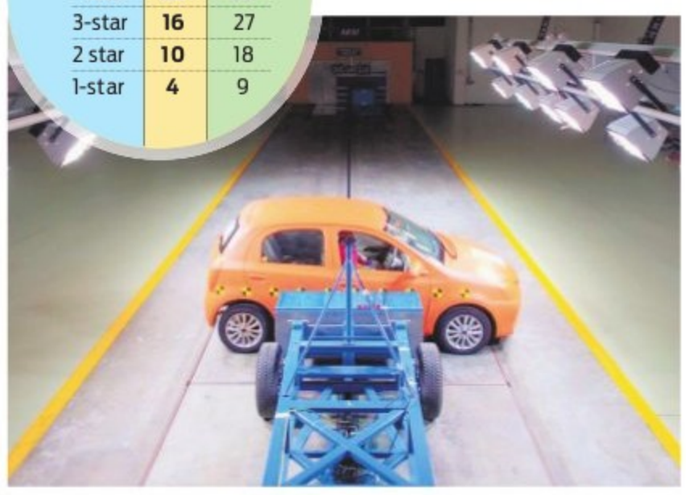
'BHARAT' STAMP ON ROAD SAFETY

CRASH TEST

Rating	Required score	
	Adult	Child
5-star	27	41
4-star	22	35
3-star	16	27
2 star	10	18
1-star	4	9



LEKSHMI C PILLAI

AT least one out of 10 people killed on roads across the world is from India, according to the World Health Organisation. Given this data, one would naturally think that the crash test results of a vehicle entering the Indian market would trump its other vectors. Sadly, that's not the case.

For long, the price-mileage equation of a car has dominated most conversations in the country. This has left many Indian cars to be ridiculed as 'pappads', as they perform very poorly in terms of safety.

Thankfully, this is slowly changing. As the market evolves, a lot of informed buyers are also considering crash test ratings from international programmes like the Global New Car Assessment Programme (GNCAP) and Euro NCAP as criteria to aid their decision about buying a new car.

Now, after years of deliberation, India, too, has announced its own crash test protocol – the Bharat New Car Assessment Programme (BNCAP). With this, India becomes the fifth country in the world to have its own crash test rating structure.

BNCAP was formulated by the Ministry of Road Transport and Highways with the help of Global NCAP. The Automotive Research Association of India, the leading R&D organisation in the country, is its testing agency. The ratings will come into effect from October 1, 2023.

Bharat NCAP's testing protocol is aligned with the global crash test protocols. This implies that the programme will give a star rating between 1-5 for cars tested, with 1 being the lowest. Based on the performance of the vehicle in the tests, the model will be awarded a separate star rating for adult and child occupants.

The parameters for the star rating include various factors like pedestrian-friendly design, structural safety of the car, provision of active and passive safety assist technologies, and the safety of adult and child occupants.

BNCAP ratings are not mandatory as of now. This is the case across the globe, but given how the industry has voluntarily accepted it, the ratings have become a strong selling proposition. In addition to combustion-engined vehicles, Bharat NCAP will also test and rate CNG and electric vehicles.

How it works

Car manufacturers can nominate a vehicle model. The BNCAP team will visit the manufacturing facility of that particular vehicle and will select the base variant through random sampling. This selected unit of the vehicle will be crash tested at the BNCAP testing centre, witnessed by the representatives of the car manufacturer.

The test results will be analysed, following which the star ratings and the crash test results of that particular vehicle published by the BNCAP will be certified by the Central Institute of Road Transport.

The BNCAP crash testing specifies tests like frontal impact test (offset deformable barrier), side impact test, and pole side impact test. The speed at which the vehicle will be crash tested remains at 64kmph, which is the same as the global testing protocol. Apart from the points given for crash tests, there are safety assist technology qualifiers for each rating.

THE RIGHT MOVE

According to Nitin Gadkari, the Minister for Road Transport & Highways, the cost of testing a car under BNCAP is around ₹60 lakh, an amount that is significantly lower than the nearly ₹2.5 crore that manufacturers need to shell out if the same process is to be done overseas. The government expects the introduction of BNCAP to aid the Indian automotive industry to become more export-oriented.

India has shot up as the most important country globally in terms of scaling up road safety

David Ward, executive director, Global NCAP

India has announced its own crash test protocol in an effort to re-emphasise just how paramount safety is and to aid the automotive industry to lessen its dependence on overseas agencies which levy 4x the cost. Industry giants are hailing the decision as 'the right move'

The writer is a freelance auto expert who hosts TV shows and anchors the YouTube channel 'CARKADUVA'

XPRESS HIGHWAY
FORTNIGHLY SEGMENT ON WHAT'S REVVING UP IN THE AUTOMOTIVE SECTOR

IN ONE VOICE

It's a welcome step, and we are proud as we have been working along with the government and test agencies to formulate the standards. We will get our cars tested under the BNCAP standards

C V Raman, CTO, Maruti Suzuki India

The introduction of BNCAP is a step in the right direction. Safety is an important aspect. Skoda will continue focusing on safety to grow the brand in India

Petr Solc, brand director, Skoda Auto India

Safety has always been at the core of our DNA. This initiative aligns perfectly with our commitment to delivering vehicles that prioritise the safety of our customers. We applaud the move

Shailesh Chandra, MD, Tata Motors

We welcome the BNCAP safety initiative by the Indian government. We believe this effort will raise safety standards, empower consumers with vital information, and make Indian roads safer

Unsoo Kim, MD & CEO, Hyundai Motor India

We appreciate the government's decision to introduce BNCAP. We strongly believe that it is a step in the right direction. Safety is non-negotiable

Vikram Gulati, country head, Toyota Kirloskar Motor

NEW RELEASES

Hero MotoCorp launched the much-anticipated Karizma XMR, the most powerful motorcycle in its class. The motorcycle, which produces the highest torque, is powered by a 210cc liquid-cooled DOHC Engine, a six-speed transmission that comes with slip and assist clutch, and dual-channel ABS. It delivers an output of 25.5ps @9,250 rpm and a maximum torque of 20.4nm @ 7,250 rpm. The motorcycle accelerates from 0-60 in just 3.8 seconds. It is built for the perfect ride and redefines the sports segment. Hero Karizma XMR will be available at Hero MotoCorp dealerships across the country at an introductory price of ₹1,72,900 (ex-showroom Delhi).

TVS Motor Company launched TVS X, its flagship crossover EV, with a host of industry-first attributes. Designed, developed, and made in India, TVS X comes with a powerful electric motor and advanced battery technology. At 11kW of peak power, the TVS X is the most powerful EV in the segment, with class-leading acceleration of 0-40kmph in 2.6 seconds and a sustained true max speed of 105kmph. Claimed range is 140 kilometres, and the scooter takes 3 hours and 40 minutes for 0-80% charging. TVS X will be available at an introductory price of ₹2,49,990 (ex-showroom Bengaluru) with portable 950W chargers at ₹16,275 (including GST). A 3kW Smart X Home rapid charger is also available as an option.

Innova Hycross Electrified Flex Fuel

Toyota Kirloskar Motor unveiled a prototype of the world's first BS6 (Stage II) electrified flex fuel vehicle. It is built on the admired Innova Hycross and is designed to be compatible with India's higher emission norms. The 100% ethanol-fueled variant of Toyota's Innova signifies a pivotal moment in the Indian automotive industry's journey towards a greener and more self-reliant future. Vikram Gulati, the country head and executive vice president of Toyota Kirloskar Motor, emphasised the game-changing potential of ethanol as one of the best options for achieving energy self-reliance and reducing carbon emissions. The electrified flex fuel prototype, Innova Hycross, was unveiled by Minister for Road Transport and Highways Nitin Gadkari.

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PUBLIC NOTICE
CHANGE OF NAME

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I, T.A. Leelavathi W/o late T.S. Anand, Residing at # 237, Akkipet Main Road, Bangalore-560053 have changed my name from **ACHAMMA** to **T.A. LEELAVATHI** vide affidavit dated 10-04-2023 sworn before Notary S. Jayanna, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MOHAMMED KHALAK BAIG** R/at No.66, Jamiya Masjid Back Gate Road, Bhoopsandra, Bangalore-560094, have changed my name to **KHALAK BAIG** vide affidavit dated: 09/09/2023 Before Notary **Chandrashekar.M** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **BASAVARAJAPPA C.S.** S/o Chandragollada Shivappa, Working as Constable in CRPF and Resident of CRPF Camp, Yelahanka, Bangalore.
I have changed my son name from **"RANGASWAMY. C.V. "** to **"ROHITH C.B"** Vide Affidavit **Dated:30/08/2023** sworn to before **VIIth Addl. Chief Metropolitan Magistrate Bangalore.**

NAME DECLARATION
I, **NAGA JYOTHI DEVARAPALLI,** aged about 48 years, W/o Vadde Srinivasa Reddy, R/at No.9, Jyothi Nivas, Flat No.401, Owners Court East Road, Shell Petrol Bunk, Kasavanahalli, Junnasandra, Bangalore, Karnataka-560035, Hereby declare that both the names **"NAGA JYOTHI VADDE" and "NAGA JYOTHI DEVARAPALLI"** are belongs to me only, vide affidavit dated 09.09.2023 sworn before Notary **J. Anand Kumar,** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **CHIDIPOTHU KIRANMY**, W/o. ChebroluVenkata Ravindra, aged about 49 years, presently Residing at No. 44/2, Flat No. 401, B Block, Saroj Aqulia, 2nd Cross, Chinnapanahalli Lake Srinivasa Reddy Layout, Chinnapanahalli, Bengaluru North, Bengaluru - 560 037, Karnataka State, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **CHIDIPOTHU KIRANMY** to **CHEBROLU KIRANMY**, hereinafter I shall be known and called as **CHEBROLU KIRANMY** only, vide affidavit dated 08.09.2023, sworn to before Veena Hadagali, Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

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CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SHRISHAIL, residing at Plot No.88, Shakhambari Nilaya, Yallalinga Colony, Near KEB Office, Kotnoor D, Nandikur, Kalaburagi District Karnataka-585102, have changed my name to SHRISHAIL KUMBAR** Vide Affidavit dated 09.09.2023 sworn before advocate and notary M.K. Devaki, Bangalore

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I, **YATISH WASNIK,** aged about 44 years, S/o Vasantrao Kisanji Wasnik, residing at No.20804, Tower 2, Bhuvana Greens Apartment, Kasavanahalli, Bangalore - 560035. Karnataka. My original & Correct name is "YATISH WASNIK" My Aadhar card mentioned as **"YATISH WASNIK"** My pass Port have mentioned my name as **"YATISH VASANTRAO WASNIK"** above said names belongs to one & same person only Vide Affidavit **Dated: 04/09/2023** sworn to before **P. Nanjunda** Notary at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **JAYASHREE BADASESHI** Residing at 715, 6th Main 5th Block, HMT Layout Vidyaranyapura, Bangalore - 560097, have changed my name to **JAYASHREE A BADASESHI**, vide affidavit dated 25.08.2023 sworn before notary K C PEMMAIAH, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **Mrs. Priya Acharya Sarkar**, aged about 28 years, W/o. Gourav Sarkar, residing at Alpine Fiesta, Flat E-705, Geluk Block, 7th Floor, Near Hoodi Railway Station, Bengaluru - 560 048, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **Kumari Priya Acharya** to **Priya Acharya Sarkar,** vide affidavit dated 08.09.2023, sworn to before M. Krishnamurthy, Advocate & Notary Public, Hoskote.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **VENKATASESHAMMA RAVELLA** resident at #13 & 14, 6th Cross, Behind Tulsi Theatre, Marathahalli, Bangalore - 560 037, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **KAKUMANI V SESHAMMA @ KOMMINENI VENKATA SESHAMMA** to **VENKATASESHAMMA RAVELLA**, vide affidavit dated 08.09.2023, sworn to before B.M. Chandrashekar, Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **RAGHU VENKATESH NAYAKA (Date of Birth 12/07/1997) and resident of #12, 2nd Cross, Jai Maruthi Layout, Tarabanahalli, Bangalore-560090, Karnataka, have changed my name to RAGHU VENKATESH NAIKA** Vide Affidavit dated 09.09.2023 sworn before advocate and notary Kodi Nagappaya, Bangalore

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ANUJA DHABADI** R/at House No 4856 1st Main 2nd Cross Sadashiva Nagar Belgaum- 590010 have changed my name to **ANUJA BASAVARAJ DHABADI** vide affidavit dated: 9/9/2023 Before Notary **K.V.Mani** Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **M.NAVEENA,** W/o. Vishwanath.N. aged about 40 years, R/at No. 42/6, Suguna Nilaya, Jnanaganganagar, Mallathahalli, Opp. P.V.P. School, Bangalore South, Bangalore Vishwavidyalaya, Bangalore-560056, have changed my name to **M.NAVEENA VISHWANATH** vide affidavit Dated 08/09/2023 sworn before Notary G.Dayananda, Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ANWESHAA DUGAR,** W/o Abhishek Dugar, aged about 30 years, R/at No.1027/1, Gitanjali Corner 1, Apartment 303, HAL 3rd Stage, Bangalore-560075, Have changed my name from **"ANWESHAA MAJUMDAR" to "ANWESHAA DUGAR"** vide affidavit dated 09.09.2023 sworn before Notary **NEHA BADDI,** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **JUNJU SUSEELA,** W/o, Junju Nagabhushana, aged about 37 years, Resising at, D.No.1-295, Kurumala (Village & Post), Nallamada Mandalam, Sree Sathyasai District, State that both the names **JUNJU SUSEELA** and **J. SUSELA** are One and the same person i.e., belongs to me only, vide Affidavit dated:26-06-2023, Sworn before Notary, T. Baba John, Sri Sathya Sai Dist. I shall be known & called as **JUNJU SUSEELA** only for all Official & Future Purposes.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **ALZAARA S A** resident at No. 12/2, 3rd Main E Cross, Bismilla Nagar, Bangalore South, Dharmaram College, Bengaluru - 560 029, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **ALZAARA** to **ALZAARA S A**, vide affidavit dated 08.09.2023, sworn to before B.M. Chandrashekar, Advocate & Notary Public, Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, Augustine Mathew Kayyalackakom, aged about 18 years, S/o. Mr. Mathew Kayyalackakom Augustine, R/at C-603, C Block, UKN Esperanza, Thubarahalli Extended Road, Thubarahalli, Bengaluru - 560 066, Karnataka, India, I have changed my name from **'Augustine Mathew Kayyalackakom'** to **'Augustine Mathew'**, sworn before advocate and notary Indira S S, vide affidavit dated 08.09. 2023.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **DIVYA NAGARAJA REDDY,** W/o Rajesh Govinda Reddy, R/at # 701, Malibu Belezza Apartment, Guntur, Bengaluru-560 087 have changed my name to **DIVYA NAGARJA,** vide affidavit dated 08/09/2023, before Notary **N. KANCHIVARADARAJU,** Bengaluru.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **MOHAMED SUMAIR MAJID,** aged about 26 years, S/o Abdul Majid, R/at No. 38/2, 8th Main, Near Jayadeva Hospital, BTM Layout 1st Stage, Bangalore-560029, do hereby declare that I have changed my name from **MOHAMMED SUMAIR M** to **MOHAMED SUMAIR MAJID,** henceforth I shall be known and called as **MOHAMED SUMAIR MAJID** only, vide affidavit dated 08-09-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **MOHAMMED HUSSAIN .K** at Bangalore.

CHANGE OF NAME
I, **SEEMA KUMARI,** W/o Vinod Kumar Bamb, R/at No. G 3/1, Mandoth Residency, K.R. Puram, Basavanagudi, Bengaluru South, Bengaluru, Karnataka-560004, have changed my name from **SEEMA KUMARI** to **SEEMA KUMARI BAMB,** vide affidavit dated 09-09-2023, before Notary **C.V. EARAPPA,** BENGALURU.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **SRINIVASA T. GOWDA,** S/o Late T. Thimmappa, aged about 44 years, R/at No. 40, Budihal Village and Post, Kasaba Hobli, Nelamangala Taluk, Bengaluru Rural District-562123, do hereby declare that both the names i.e., **SRINIVASA T. GOWDA** to **SRINIVASA .T,** vide affidavit dated 08-09-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **H.R. KRISHNA** at Bangalore.

AFFIDAVIT
I, **SMITHA S NARAYAN,** W/o Mr. Shaji Narayanan Pillai, aged about 36 years, R/at Flat No. 105, Ground Floor, B-Block, Majestic Residency, Beside Club House, Tavarekere, PO Dharmaram College, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560029, do hereby declare that my daughter's correct name is **VARSHA S NARAYAN** but in her Post Office Saving A/c her name is mentioned as **VARSHA K** instead of **VARSHA S NARAYAN,** vide affidavit dated 07-09-2023, sworn before Advocate and Notary **HEGDE GANAPATI VENKATRAMAN** at Bangalore.

I, **Asilata Vikram Karandikar**, 36, resident of Electronics City, Bengaluru, hereby declare that my full name, as per government-issued identification documents is: '**Asilata Vikram Karandikar**'. This is notwithstanding the name as it appears on my previous passport, '**Asilata Karandikar**'. This is for the kind notice of and compliance by the concerned passport issuing authorities. BYP

A still from the film

DIRECTOR VIKHYATH REALISES A DECADE-LONG DREAM WITH STAR-STUDDED PROJECT

The debutant manages to bring acclaimed actors Ramesh Aravind and Ganesh together on screen for the first time

A SHARADHAA

FILMMAKER Vikhyath AR, originally aspiring to become a director, unexpectedly ventured into production and supported projects like *Pushpaka Vimana* and *Monsoon Raaga*. However, he is now finally realising a dream he held for a decade with his sixth production.

In his very first directorial venture, Vikhyath has successfully brought together two acclaimed actors, Ramesh Aravind and Ganesh, for the first time. Expressing his excitement, Vikhyath said, "I stand today, realising a dream woven over a decade ago. A dream to collaborate hand in hand with two legendary actors, Mr. Perfect, Ramesh Aravind, and Golden Star, Ganesh." The director, who is also doubling up as a producer, had previously announced his collaboration with Ganesh, and the confirmation of Ramesh Aravind came on the latter's birthday. The two actors too took to social media and expressed their excitement about working together.

Notably, this yet-to-be-titled project is billed as 'The greatest show never ever seen.' The first poster provides a glimpse of Ramesh Aravind and Ganesh standing among soldiers in a foreign land. It promises an emotional rollercoaster with a backdrop of a circus and is set to enthral audiences with its grand scale and unique storytelling. The film, produced under Vikhyath Chithra Productions, will be released in multiple languages.

Speaking about collaborating with writer-director-producer, Vikhyath and sharing screen space with Ganesh, Ramesh Aravind said, "I have collaborated with Vikhyath for my 100th film, *Pushpaka Vimana*. I always believed that he should follow his original dream of becoming a director. In his first directorial venture, he has chosen a very sensitive subject with great potential for performance, and I am looking forward to it." Regarding working with Ganesh, Ramesh mentioned that he had a guest role in Ganesh's *Sundaraanga Jaana*, where he played himself. "We received many offers to work together, but I believe that when you cast two heroes, their roles should be substantial and justified. This subject has the calibre for that. It is going to be a poetic kind of a film."

Vikhyath

I eagerly anticipate playing a possessed character: Ramesh Aravind

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RAMESH Aravind and Akash Srivatsa, known for their successful collaboration in *Shivaji Surathkal* 1, and 2 are coming together again for their third film, titled *Daiji*. This marks Ramesh Aravind's 106th project. Ravi Kashyap, an entrepreneur with a record of producing films like *Sulle Sathya*, the first short film screened at Cannes, Pawan Kumar's *Lucia*, and Dhananjay's *Badmaash* will be bankrolling the project under the Vibha Kashyap Productions banner.

According to the creators, *Daiji* carries different meanings in various languages. While it signifies blood relations in one language, in Japanese, it symbolises a matter of great concern, and in Chinese, it means 'to stand by'. However, the director sees *Daiji* as a universal theme that can resonate with multilingual audiences, hence the plan to release it in multiple languages.

The story for *Daiji* has been penned by Abhijith YR and director Akash Srivatsava, who previously wrote the *Shivaji Surathkal* series, and is said to be based on real-life incidents narrated to them by producer Ravi Kashyap.

Ramesh Aravind is happy to embark on a journey with a horror subject. He explains, "My theory for *Daiji* is that everyone has their fears. There might be fear of commitment, or the fear of public speaking, which is a common thread. However, the most prevalent fear is the fear of the supernatural, something beyond our comprehension. What would an ordinary man or a family man do in such a situation? This is something that will be explored in *Daiji*," he says.

Expressing his desire to diversify into various genres, Ramesh Aravind mentions his previous work in horror, including *Apathamitra* and the upcoming *Bhairadevi*. "I eagerly anticipate the challenge of playing a possessed character and hope *Daiji* will provide that opportunity," he signs off.

Ramesh Aravind is set to collaborate once again with director Akash Srivatsa for their third project. This time, they are venturing into the world of the horror genre

Akash Srivatsa

Ravi Kashyap

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Ramesh Aravind, actor

Bun-Tea locks release date

CE FEATURES

EDITOR-turned-director Uday Kumar, who made his debut with *Karmoda Saridu* in 2019, is gearing up for his second outing, Bun-Tea, which is scheduled to be released on September 22. The film features fresh actors, with a few coming from Nagathihalli Chandrashekar's Tent Cinema. According to Uday, making *Bun-Tea* was a dream he had been nurturing for seven years.

"People usually resort to bun and tea when they can't find anything else, and it has become a staple food for many. The film's unique title sparks curiosity, which is one of the reasons we kept it. However, the film is inspired by a real-life incident and revolves around the current education system," says Uday, who has written the script and also worked as an editor.

The movie boasts of young talents like Maurya, Tanmay, Umesh Sakkare Nadu, Shridevi, Nisha, Gundanna, and Sunil. Bun Tea, produced by Keshav R under the Radhakrishna banner, has music composed by Pradyothan, with cinematography by Raja Rao.

A still from the film

Sofia Coppola's Priscilla release postponed

CE FEATURES

SOFIA Coppola's *Priscilla*, the upcoming biopic of actor and businesswoman Priscilla Presley, scheduled to release on October 27, has been postponed. The film will now hit the theatres on November 3. *Priscilla* premiered at the 80th Venice International Film Festival and received a 7-minute standing ovation.

The film will throw light on Priscilla who was married to iconic singer/performer Elvis Presley. While Cailee Spaeny will star as Priscilla Presley, Jacob Elordi plays Elvis on the screen. The biopic has a script, which Sofia Coppola adapted from Priscilla Presley's memoir Elvis and Me. The film stars Cailee Spaeny as Priscilla Presley, while Jacob Elordi plays Elvis on the screen.

The memoir talks about her relationship with the superstar singer, spanning her marriage, the birth of their daughter, the fights they had, and the eventual divorce until Elvis' death.

Distributed by A24, the film is produced by Sofia Coppola, Lorenzo Mieli, and Youree Henley.

FIRST LOOK OF THE VACCINE WAR IS HERE

CE FEATURES

THE first look of *The Vaccine War*, the upcoming film directed by Vivek Ranjan Agnihotri, was released by the makers on social media on Saturday. The film is slated for a theatrical release on September 28. The cast of *The Vaccine War* includes Anupam Kher, Vivek's wife Pallavi Joshi, Nana Patekar, Sapthami Gowda, and Raima Sen among others.

The poster features the primary cast members showing a worrisome expression. While Sapthami Gowda, is in a doctor's attire, Raima sen is in a saree. There is also a COVID-19 warrior, along with a bunch of other characters.

The film is all set to release in 10 languages including Hindi, English, Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, Kannada, Bhojpuri, Punjabi, Gujarati, Marathi, and Bengali. The film also aims to honour the unwavering dedication of the fraternity of scientists and the medical community who tirelessly faced the unprecedented challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic.